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Dedication of flag pole at WWI Monument

Annual Report

Year Ending December 31, 2014

TOWN DIRECTORY

Web Site: www.orfordnh.us

E-mail: orfordselectmen@orfordnh.us

SELECTBOARD MEETING

2529 Route 25A, Orford, NH

Selectboard meets every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 5:30 PM in the Town Office to conduct Town business; Appointments with the public start at 6:00 PM.

SELECTBOARD OFFICE Phone: 353-4889 Fax: 353-4489

Selectboard's office is in the Town Office.

Sheri Clifford, Town Administrator

Office Hours: Monday & Tuesday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Friday 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

TOWN CLERK 353-4404 E-mail: townclerk@orfordnh.us

Town Clerk's office is in the Town Office.

Deborah Hadlock, Town Clerk

Office Hours: Tuesday 1:00 - 6:00 PM

Wednesday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Thursday 8:00 - 11:00 AM

TAX COLLECTOR 353-4831

Louise Mack, Tax Collector

Tax Collector's office is in her home at 59 Archertown Road, Orford, NH

PLANNING BOARD MEETING

Planning Board meets the third Monday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Niles Room at the Town Office. If you need to schedule an appointment, please call Vickie Davis, planning assistant, at UVLSRPC, (448-1680).

POLICE DEPARTMENT Call 9-1-1 for emergencies

Police Department is in the Town Office

Christopher Kilmer, Police Chief 353-4252 (office)

AMBULANCE

CALL 9-1-1

ANIMAL CONTROL 353-4252 or 353-4889

FIRE DEPARTMENT Call 9-1-1 for emergencies

Terry Straight, Fire Chief 603-728-7569

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Michael Gilbert, Director
353-9621

FIRE PERMITS

Fire Warden Jim Hook 353-4834, or Deputies: Chief Terry Straight 603-728-7569, Jimmy Carter 353-9975, John Dunham 603-276-0213 or Arthur Dennis

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 353-9366

Roger Hadlock, Road Agent

FREE LIBRARY - Laurel Fulford, Librarian 353-9166

Tuesday and Friday 3:30-7:30 PM; Saturday 9 - 11:30 AM; Sunday 2-5 PM

SOCIAL LIBRARY - Sandra Gunther, Librarian 353-9756

Monday 1-8 PM; Wednesday 9 AM-1 PM; Thursday 1-8 PM; Saturday 9 AM-1 PM

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ORFORD TOWN OFFICERS

Elected by nonpartisan ballot on Town Meeting Day

MODERATOR

Peter Thomson	353-4111	2016	2 year term
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SELECTBOARD

John Adams	353-9201	2015	3 year term
Anne Duncan Cooley	353-2139	2017	3 year term
Thomas Steketee	353-4424	2016	3 year term

TREASURER

Calvina Reznick	353-4171	2016	3 year term
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SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Jane Hebb	353-4496	2020	6 year term
Sarah Putnam	353-9636	2018	6 year term
Brenda Smith	353-8114	2016	6 year term

TAX COLLECTOR

Louise Mack	353-4831	2017	3 year term
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TOWN CLERK

Deborah Hadlock	353-4404	2017	3 year term
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PLANNING BOARD

James McGoff	353-4835	2016	3 year term
Lawrence Hibbard	353-4841	2016	3 year term
Harry Osmer	353-	2015	3 year term
Ann Green, Chair	353-4150	2017	3 year term
Andrew Schwaegler	272-9202	2017	3 year term
P. Chase Kling	353-	2015	3 year term
Rob O'Donnell			Alternate
Skip Gould			Alternate
Sam Hanford			Alternate
Tom Steketee	353-4424		Ex Officio

Nominated and Elected from the floor on Town Meeting Day

OVERSEERS OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Selectboard	353-4889	2015	1 year term
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FENCE VIEWERS

P. Chase Kling	353-	2015	1 year term
Dennis Streeter	353-	2015	1 year term

HEALTH OFFICER

Dr. Kirsten Glass	353-4343	2015	1 year term
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SEXTON

Cemetery Commission		2015	1 year term
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BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tom Thomson	353-4488	2015	1 year term
Robert Palifka	353-9367	2015	1 year term
Paul Goundrey	353-9813	2015	1 year term
Paul Carriero	865-4661	2015	1 year term
Ruth Hook	353-4855	2015	1 year term

ORFORD FREE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Susan Kling	353-9166	2017	3 year term
Carol Boynton	353-4874	2015	3 year term
Christie Manning	353-9343	2016	3 year term

ORFORD SOCIAL LIBRARY

Gail Keefer	353-4424	2016	3 year term
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FIRE WARDS

James Hook	353-4834	2014	1 year term
Terry Straight	603-728-7569	2014	1 year term
James Carter	353-9975	2014	1 year term
John Dunham	603-276-0213	2014	1 year term
Arthur Dennis	353-	2014	1 year term

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

J.J. Hebb	353-8125	2017	3 year term
Jeff Tilden	353-4625	2017	3 year term
Brad McCormack, Co-Chair	353-4469	2015	3 year term
John O'Brien, Co-Chair	353-9857	2015	3 year term
Nathan Tullar	353-4263	2016	3 year term

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Seth Carter	353-9222	2016	3 year term
Joe Davis	353-9725	2015	3 year term
Mark Blanchard	353-9873	2017	3 year term

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Paul Messer, Sr.	353-4883	2017	3 year term
Joseph Arcolio	353-9504	2016	3 year term
Brenda Smith	353-8114	2015	3 year term

Appointed by the Selectboard

AUDITOR

Roberts & Greene	435-8808	2015	1 year term
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FIRE CHIEF

Terry Straight	353-4629	2015	1 year term
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POLICE CHIEF

Christopher Kilmer	353-4252	2015	1 year term
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ROAD AGENT

Roger Hadlock	353-9366	2015	1 year term
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Michael Gilbert	353-9621	2015	1 year term
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DEPUTY TREASURER

Katherine Wright	353-9872	2015	1 year term
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NILES FUND COMMITTEE

David Coker	353-4104	2015	1 year term
Sheila Conley	353-4353	2015	1 year term
Melinda Ricker	353-9099	2015	1 year term
Ann Green	353-4150	2015	1 year term

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Anne Duncan Cooley	353-2139		Board Rep
Bry Beeson	353-4311	2017	3 year term
Emily Bryant	353-9033	2017	3 year term
Carl Cassel	353-4434	2017	3 year term
Tom Bubolz	353-4303	2016	3 year term
Carl Schmidt	353-9307	2016	3 year term
Harrison Pease	353-9080	2015	3 year term
Kathy Baker	353-9000	2015	3 year term
Craig Putnam	353-9636	2015	Alternate
Fran Plaisted	353-4601	2016	Alternate
Jeff MacQueen	353-4232	2017	Alternate

TREE WARDEN

Charles Waterbury	353-9366	2015	1 year term
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ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR FLOOD PLAINS

Emily Bryant	353-9033	2017	3-Year Term
Paul Messer, Sr.	353-4883	2017	3-Year Term
Peter Dooley	353-4887	2017	3-Year Term
Esther Dobbins Marsh	353-9007	2017	3-Year Term
Shawn Washburn	353-4207	2017	3-Year Term

INSPECTORS OF ELECTION

Marion Spottswood	353-4423	2015	2 year term
Betty Messer	353-4883	2015	2 year term
Judith Parker	353-4882	2015	2 year term
Patricia Buck	353-9268	2015	2 year term

**TOWN OF ORFORD
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 11, 2014**

The Polls opened at 7:05AM Ballots were counted (450 State ballots plus 14 absentee ballots and 659 Town ballots plus 15 absentees) the voting began for the Offices.

Moderator Peter M. Thomson made an announcement that the State voting is usually from 7AM to 7PM and asked the Public if they wanted to increase the hour to the same as our Town Election is. Ruth Cserr made to motion for the polls to remain open for State election and Thomas Thomson seconded it. A voice vote was made and the hours were increased.

John O'Brian asked the Veterans to stand and be recognized then we did salute to the Flag with them.

Selectboard made an announcement that they would be meeting Thursday night rather than Wednesday night because of the weather.

The Boston Cane was to be presented to Marilyn Alexander tonight, but she is sick and unable to attend. The presentation will be scheduled for a later date.

Other announcements made were about the Orford Photo Contest and the dinner that the Friends of the Library were having Saturday night at 5:30 - 6:45PM and then the Orford Historical Society show at 7PM.

ARTICLE 1.

To choose all necessary Town Officers - Officers elected from the floor.

For one year	Overseers of Public Welfare	Selectboard
For one year	Fence Viewers	P. Chase Kling
		Dennis Streeter
For one year	Health Officer	Dr. Kirsten Glass
For one year	Sexton	Cemetery Commission
For one year	Budget Advisory Committee	Thomas N Thomson
		Robert Palifka
		Paul Goundrey
		Paul Carriero
		Ruth Hook
For three years	Orford Free Library Trustees	Susan Kling
For one year	Fire Wards	Arthur Dennis
		James Hook
		Larry Taylor
For three years	Parks and Playgrounds	Jennifer Hebb
		Jeff Tilden
For three years	Trustees of Trust Funds	Mark Blanchard
For three years	Cemetery Commission	Paul Messer, Sr.

Arthur Dennis made a motion to move to Article 13 and seconded by David Smith. A voice vote was made in the affirmative to change to Article 13.

ARTICLE 13.

To see if the Town will vote to amend and clarify the form of organization of the Orford Fire Department, as voted by the 1995 Annual Town Meeting, by adopting RSA 154:1 paragraph I (a) so that, commencing one year following this vote, the fire chief shall be appointed by the Selectboard, with remaining firefighters appointed by the fire chief in accord with such personnel policies as may be adopted by the Selectboard. The transition to the altered form of organization shall be governed by RSA 669:17-b "Discontinuing Optional Elected Office."

Jim McGoff wanted to know why the Selectboard wanted to elect the Chief. The Board said they thought they needed to do it to get things done correctly and on time. After a long discussion Chase Kling made a motion to close discussion. It was seconded by Carl Cassel. A voice was made in the affirmative. A paper ballot was made. 189 ballots were cast Yes 104 and No 85

The article passed.

ARTICLE 2.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum nine hundred, sixty-four thousand, three hundred and seven dollars (\$964,307) for general municipal operations (Majority vote required)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$ 96,631
Election	27,217
Financial Administration	58,439
Revaluation of Property	13,900
Legal Expenses	16,000
Planning Board	7,345
General Government Building	15,040
Cemeteries	17,858
Insurance	20,847
Regional Association	1,600
Contingency Fund	5,000

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	\$183,781
Ambulance	38,347
Fire Department	45,514
Emergency Management	1,200

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Highways	\$309,320
Street Lightings	7,500

SANITATION

Solid Waste Disposal	\$5,687
Facility Maintenance	500
Land Fill Closure	4,000

HEALTH

Animal Control	\$ 1,000
Health Agency	6,675

WELFARE

Direct Assistance	\$5,000
Intergovernmental Welfare	5,155

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Parks and Playgrounds	\$20,680
Libraries	39,451
Patriotic Purposes	750

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

\$ 1,970

IMPROVEMENTS OTHER THAN BUILDINGS

Maintenance of Community Field	\$7,500
Maintenance of Rivendell Trail	400

Paul Dalton asked the Budget Committee why they didn't agree on the Budget. Ruth Hook and Robert Palifka each explained what they thought of the budget. Robert Palifka made a motion to accept Article 2; it was seconded by Anne Cooley. The article was then passed in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 3.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred sixteen thousand, six hundred forty-two dollars (\$216,642) for payments into the following Capital Reserve Funds as follows:

Bridges & Roads CRF(1989)	\$ 75,000
Fire Trucks CRF (1989)	45,000
Grader CRF (1983)	19,107
Highway Dept. Trucks CRF (1983)	33,000
Reappraisal CRF (1987)	-0-
Loader CRF (1983)	29,445
Police Cruiser CRF (1987)	7,880
Town Building CRF (1991)	7,210

A motion was made by Sally Tomlinson and seconded by Ann Green to accept Article 3. A voice vote was made in the affirmative. The article passed

ARTICLE 4.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand, three hundred and twenty dollars (\$10,320) to conduct field data collection on 25% of town parcels toward a 100% property reassessment in 2015 and authorize the withdrawal of ten thousand, three hundred and twenty dollars (\$10,320) from the Reappraisal Capital Reserve Fund.

A motion was made by Paul Dalton and seconded by Bruce Schwaegler. A voice vote was made in the affirmative. The article passed.

ARTICLE 5.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) for the replacement of Archertown Bridge at Newcomb Hollow and other required bridge work and to authorize the withdrawal of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) from the Town of Orford Bridges and Roads Capital Reserve Fund.

The motion was made by Sally Tomlinson and seconded by Sarah Schwaegler. A voice vote was made in the affirmative. The article passed.

ARTICLE 6.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate three hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$380,000) to purchase a new four wheel drive cab and chassis fire engine/tanker, including an extended warranty. To authorize the withdrawal of up to three hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$380,000) from the Town of Orford/Fire Trucks Capital Reserve Fund and authorize the Selectboard to dispose of the current 1963 Engine 2 with the proceeds to be applied to the purchase price and reduce the amount to be withdrawn from the Town of Orford/Fire Trucks Capital Reserve Fund.

A motion was made by Carl Cassel and seconded by Paul Dalton. A voice vote was made in the affirmative. The article passed.

ARTICLE 7.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to pave from the intersection of Indian Pond Road on Archertown Road west towards Town Road #100 or other projects as approved by the Selectboard.

The motion was made by Joe Arcolio and seconded by Sally Tomlinson. A voice vote was made in the affirmative. The article passed.

Before continuing the Ballot Box was closed at 9:15 PM.

ARTICLE 8.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand, five hundred dollars (\$3,500) from interest in the Lenore Niles Trust Fund for the purpose of improving community facilities and sponsoring organizations or individuals of Orford with financial aid for opportunities that otherwise might be unattainable.

After some discussion Mark Blanchard made a motion to change interest to income so the article would read

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3500) from Income in the Lenore Niles Trust Fund for the purpose of improving community facilities and sponsoring organization or individual of Orford with financial aid for opportunities that otherwise might be unattainable.

Robert Palifka seconded the motion. A voice vote was in the affirmative. The article passed.

ARTICLE 9.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to participate in the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission Household Hazardous Waste collection.

Ruth Hook made a motion to accept this article, seconded by Robert Palifka. A voice motion was made in the affirmative. The article passed.

ARTICLE 10.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand, eight hundred dollars (\$2,800) to be deposited into the Tree Care and Replenishment Expendable Trust Fund. A motion was made by Rita (Toni) Pease and seconded by Sarah Schwaegler. A voice vote was in the affirmative. The article passed.

ARTICLE 11.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand, five hundred dollars (\$1,500) to be deposited into the 250th Celebration Expendable Trust established in 2012 Article 6.

The motion was made by Rita (Toni) Pease and seconded by Ruth Hook. A voice vote was in the affirmative. The article passed.

ARTICLE 12.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand, three hundred sixty dollars (\$17,360) to join with Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission to develop a capital improvement long-range plan for community facilities and services for the Town in an effort to ensure that town facilities and services are adequate and are maintained in a state of good repair for the next twenty years.

Terry Martin made a motion to accept this but Ann Green made a motion to amend the article.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum up to \$17,360 for the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning to assist a committee to be appointed by the Selectboard to develop a Capital Improvement long-range plan for community facilities and services for the Town in an effort to ensure that town facilities and services are adequate and are maintained in a state of good repair for the next 20 years.

Sarah Schwaegler seconded the amended article. After a discussion the amended article was not approved. Ann Green seconded the original article and a paper ballot was taken. There were 99 ballots were casted. Yes 51 and No 48. The article was passed

Orford Conservation Commission, 2014 Orford Outdoors Photo Contest Results were announced.

2014 Adult Category:

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| 1st Place: | Ron Smith: | "What does the fox say" |
| 2nd Place: | Catherine Arcolio | "Autumn, Reeds Marsh" |
| 3rd Place: | Carol Boynton: | "Bumblng across a Cone Flower: |

Sun and Sky Category (from previous years)

Tie for 1st place:

Cicely Richardson: "Winter Sunrise" and Paul Goundrey" Summer Sunrise, Samuel Morey Bridge.

ARTICLE 14.

To see if the Town will approve the ordinance as follows to prevent snow from being put or placed on Town Roads:

SNOW OBSTRUCTION: In accordance with RSA 236:20, any person who shall put or place or cause to be put or placed any snow or ice upon the surface of the traveled portion of any class V road (town maintained road) for any purpose, except to provide a place necessary for crossing, re-crossing, and traveling upon said roads by sleds, logging or farm equipment, shall be guilty of a violation. The provision of this section shall not apply where snow or ice is pushed across the

travel surface of said highways for the purpose of snow removal from land adjoining said highways.

Anne Cooley made a motion to accept this and seconded by Bruce Schwaegler. A voice vote was passed. The article passed.

ARTICLE 15.

To see if the Town will vote to modify the action taken under Article 11 of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting, and to permit the Selectboard to make procurements in excess of \$10,000, without the otherwise-required advertised sealed bidding process, when in their judgment there exists an emergency requiring the immediate purchase of materials, supplies, equipment or services. For purpose of this article, an emergency means a sudden or unexpected situation or occurrence, or combination of occurrences, of a serious and urgent nature, involving an existing or imminent threat to public health, welfare or safety, which demands prompt or immediate attention, and where the delay entailed by the bidding process would seriously compromise the effectiveness of the response. In all cases the Selectmen shall be required to make the emergency procurement using such competition as is practical under the circumstances.

A motion was made by Sally Tomlinson and second by Anne Cooley. A hand vote was taken. 88 hands there were 54 Yes and 38 No. The article was passed.

ARTICLE 16.

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the position of elected tax collector and authorize the Selectmen to appoint the Town's tax collector, beginning in 2015. If this article is adopted, then under RSA 669:17-b, the elected tax collector shall continue to serve until 2015 election, at which time the elective office shall terminate, irrespective of the officer's term, and the tax collector shall thereafter be appointed by the Selectmen.

Thomas Thomson made a motion to pass over the article and was seconded by Peter Dooley. A voice vote was made and agreed to it. The article was passed over.

ARTICLE 17. (Petition article)

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provision of RSA 72:61 through RSA 72:72 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems, wind powered energy systems or wood heating energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying equipment under these statutes.

Harry Pease made a motion to accept and seconded by Sara Schwaegler. After some discussion the article was not accepted. The article didn't pass

ARTICLE 18.

To see if the municipality will vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Town of Orford Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1991.

The motion was made by Thomas Thomson and seconded by Harry Pease.

The article was passed by a voice vote. The article passed

ARTICLE 19. (Petition article)

RESOLVED, the People of Orford NH stand with communities across the country to defend democracy from the corrupting effects of undue corporate power by amending the United States Constitution to establish that:

1. Only human beings, not corporations, are endowed with constitutional rights, and

2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the People of Orford, NH, hereby instruct our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effect.

Ann Green made the motion and seconded by Sally Tomlinson. After some discussion was done a paper ballot was taken. There were 72 ballots casted. Yes had 26 and 45 no. The article didn't pass.

ARTICLE 20.

To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors and Committees heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

There were no reports done.

ARTICLE 21.

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting;

The results of the Ballots were as follows:

Moderator for 2 Years

Peter M Thomson - 296

Richard Hendrick - 1

Judy Franklin – 1

Selectboard Member for 3 Years

Justin S Adams - 87

Anne Duncan Cooley - 218

Judy Franklin - 1

Harry Pease- 1

Marion Jacobus

Town Clerk for 3 years

Deborah M Hadlock - 247

Ruth M Hook - 63

Tax Collector for 3 years

Louise M Mack - 274

Deborah Hadlock - 24

Ruth Hook - 4

Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years

Jane P Hebb - 317

Carl Cassel -1

Peter Thomson - 1

Planning Board Member for 1 year

P Chase Kling - 156

Robert John O'Donnell - 132

Mark Blanchard - 1

Planning Board Member for 3 years

Ann Green - 279

Robert O'Donnell - 5

Joe Doe - 1

Tom Thomson - 1

Harry Osmer - 2

P Chase Kling - 2

Stacey Thomson - 1

Judy Franklin - 1

John O'Brien - 1

Deb Hadlock - 1

Bruce Streeter - 1

Ron Taylor - 1

Planning Board Member for 3 years

Andrew B Schwaegler - 262

Judy Franklin - 1

Robert O'Donnell - 4

William Wilson - 1

Fran Plaisted - 1

Ruth Hook - 1

Ted Cooley - 1

Chase Kling - 1

Paul Messer - 1

A motion was made by Thomas Thomson and seconded by John Adams to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 PM.

The foregoing is a true copy.

Attest: Louise M Mack, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF ORFORD
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

2015

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD, County of Grafton, in said state, qualified to vote on Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Memorial Gymnasium in said Orford on Tuesday the 10th of March next at seven o'clock in the evening to act on the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1.

To choose all necessary Town Officers. The polls will be open from four o'clock in the afternoon and will close no earlier than nine o'clock in the evening for you to cast your ballot for the following officers:

Selectboard Member	3 Year Term
Planning Board	3 Year Term
Planning Board	3 Year Term

ARTICLE 2.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum one million, forty-six thousand, four hundred and ninety-eight dollars (\$1,046,498) for general municipal operations. (Majority vote required.)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$ 106,338
Election	29,751
Financial Administration	63,899
Revaluation of Property	14,200
Legal Expenses	15,000
Planning Board	7,345
General Government Buildings	16,240
Cemeteries	18,034
Insurance	21,999
Regional Association	1,630
Contingency Fund	5,000

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	\$ 193,561
Ambulance	43,295
Fire Department	76,830
Emergency Management	1,200

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Highways	\$ 321,790
Street Lighting	8,000

SANITATION

Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 5,687
Facility Maintenance	500
Land Fill Closure	4,500

HEALTH

Animal Control	\$ 1,000
Health Agency	6,675

WELFARE

Direct Assistance	\$ 5,000
Intergovernmental Welfare	5,629

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Parks and Playgrounds	\$ 22,230
Libraries	40,495
Patriotic Purposes	750

CONSERVATION COMMISSION \$ 1,970**IMPROVEMENTS OTHER THAN BUILDINGS**

Maintenance of Community Field	7,500
Maintenance of Rivendell Trail	450

ARTICLE 3.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred twenty-one thousand, six hundred seven dollars (\$221,607) for payments into the following Capital Reserve Funds as follows:

Bridges & Roads CRF (1989)	\$ 77,250
Heavy Equip. Maint. CRF (2003)	\$ 20,000
Fire Trucks CRF (1989)	\$ 46,350
Grader CRF (1983)	\$ 19,680
Highway Dept. Trucks CRF (1983)	\$ 4,327
Backhoe/Loader CRF (1983)	\$ 30,000
Police Cruiser CRF (1978)	\$ 9,000
Town Buildings CRF (1991)	\$ 15,000

(The majority of the Selectboard recommend this article.)

ARTICLE 4.

To see if the town will vote to establish a Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for Fire Department Equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-three thousand dollars \$23,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend from said fund.

(The majority of the Selectboard recommend this article.)

ARTICLE 5.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-five thousand, nine hundred dollars (\$65,900) to replace outdated equipment for the fire department.

(The majority of the Selectboard recommend this article.)

ARTICLE 6.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand, three hundred twenty dollars (\$10,320) to conduct a 2015 statistical update of all property values as required by NH State Law and authorize the withdrawal of ten thousand, three hundred and twenty dollars (\$10,320) from the Reappraisal Capital Reserve Fund.

(The majority of the Selectboard recommend this article.)

ARTICLE 7.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) to replace the police department vehicle and to authorize the withdrawal of

seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) from the Town of Orford Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund.

(The majority of the Selectboard recommend this article.)

ARTICLE 8.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for the replacement of Grimes Hill Road Bridge and to authorize the withdrawal of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from the Town of Orford Bridges and Roads Capital Reserve Fund.

(The majority of the Selectboard recommend this article.)

ARTICLE 9.

To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Town of Orford/Tractor/Mower Capital Reserve Fund established in 1992 to the Town of Orford/Cemetery Mower/Building Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required).

(The majority of the Selectboard recommend this article.)

ARTICLE 10.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate six thousand, five hundred dollars (\$6,500) to purchase a new mower for the Cemetery Commission with an extended warranty. To authorize the withdrawal of up to six thousand, five hundred dollars (\$6,500) from the Town of Orford/Tractor Mower Capital Reserve Fund (Cemetery Mower/Building Capital Reserve Fund).

(The majority of the Selectboard recommend this article.)

ARTICLE 11.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to replace the Backhoe-Loader. To authorize the withdrawal of up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Town of Orford/Backhoe-Loader Capital Reserve Fund and authorize the Selectboard to dispose of the current backhoe-loader.

(The majority of the Selectboard recommend this article.)

ARTICLE 12.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety thousand, five hundred and thirty dollars (\$90,530) to pave from the intersection of Indian Pond Road on Archertown Road west towards Town Road #100 or other projects as approved by the Selectboard. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI.

(The majority of the Selectboard recommend this article.)

ARTICLE 13.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) from accumulated earnings in the Lenore Niles Trust Fund for the purpose of improving community facilities and sponsoring organizations or individuals of Orford with financial aid for opportunities that otherwise might be unattainable.

(The majority of the Selectboard recommend this article.)

ARTICLE 14.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred fifty-three dollars (\$553) to participate in the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission household hazardous waste collection.

(The majority of the Selectboard recommend this article.)

ARTICLE 15.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand, eight hundred dollars (\$2,800) to be deposited into the Tree Care and Replenishment Expendable Trust Fund.

(The majority of the Selectboard recommend this article.)

ARTICLE 16.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be deposited into the 250th Celebration Expendable Trust established in 2012 Article 6.

(The majority of the Selectboard recommend this article.)

ARTICLE 17.

To see if the Town is in favor of the placement of a bandstand at the north end of the east common on Route 10.

ARTICLE 18. (Petition Article)

To see if Voters of Orford New Hampshire will join the 56 towns thus far in New Hampshire and numerous towns in 16 other states, including all of the New England states, in calling upon congress to move forward to constitutional amendment that 1) clarifies that constitutional rights were established for people, not corporation, unions, or other artificial entities and 2) guarantees the right of our elected representatives and of the American people to safeguard fair elections through authority to regulate political spending.

Further, the Voters of Orford call upon the New Hampshire Congressional delegation, as our elected representatives, to support such a constitutional amendment and the New Hampshire Legislature to support such an amendment once it is approved by Congress and sent to the State for ratification.

Finally, within thirty days of the vote, the Orford Selectboard shall transmit the record of the vote approving this article by written notice to Orford's New Hampshire Congressional delegation and Orford's State Legislators informing them of the instructions from their constituents.

ARTICLE 19.

To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors and Committees heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 20.

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hand and seal at Orford the 4th day of February in the year two thousand and fifteen.

Thomas Steketee

Anne Duncan Cooley

John Adams

SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF ORFORD

RETURN OF POSTING

We, the undersigned Selectboard for the Town of Orford, do hereby certify that on February 4, 2015 a copy of the warrant was posted at the Orford Post Office and at the Town Office, these being two public places within the Town of Orford, as prescribed in RSA 39 and RSA 669:2.

Thomas Steketee

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TOWN OF ORFORD, SELECTBOARD

2014 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 or Fiscal Year from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)			Appropriations 2014	Actual Expenditures 2014	Recommended Appropriations 2015
Acct. #		Warrant Article #			
	<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>				
4130-4139	Executive	2	\$ 96,631	\$ 94,332	\$106,338
4140-4149	Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	2	\$ 27,217	\$ 24,029	\$ 29,751
4150-4151	Financial Administration	2	\$ 58,439	\$ 53,217	\$ 63,899
4152	Revaluation of Property	2	\$ 13,900	\$ 12,260	\$ 14,200
4153	Legal Expense	2	\$ 16,000	\$ 11,519	\$ 15,000
4191-4193	Planning Board	2	\$ 7,345	\$ 7,378	\$ 7,345
4194	General Government Buildings	2	\$ 15,040	\$ 14,141	\$ 16,240
4195	Cemeteries	2	\$ 17,858	\$ 18,455	\$ 18,034
4196	Insurance	2	\$ 20,847	\$ 13,149	\$ 21,999
4197	Advertising & Regional Associations	2	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,599	\$ 1,630
4199	Contingency Fund	2	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
	<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>				
4210-4214	Police	2	\$183,781	\$158,993	\$193,561
4215-4219	Ambulance	2	\$ 38,347	\$ 38,347	\$ 43,295
4220-4229	Fire	2	\$ 45,514	\$ 44,466	\$ 76,830
4290-4298	Emergency Management	2	\$ 1,200	\$ 720	\$ 1,200
	<i>Tropical Storm Irene</i>			\$ 17,619	
	<u>HIGHWAY AND STREETS</u>				
4312	Highways & Streets	2	\$309,320	\$311,476	\$321,790
4316	Street Lighting	2	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,725	\$ 8,000
	<u>SANITATION</u>				
4323	Solid Waste Collection	2	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	2	\$ 5,687	\$ 5,598	\$ 5,687
	Land Fill Closure		\$ 4,000	\$ 0	\$ 4,500
	<u>HEALTH</u>				
4414	Pest Control	2	\$ 1,000	\$ 400	\$ 1,000
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other	2	\$ 6,675	\$ 6,675	\$ 6,675
	<u>WELFARE</u>				
4441-4442	Direct Assistance	2	\$ 5,000	\$ 112	\$ 5,000
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	2	\$ 5,155	\$ 4,040	\$ 5,629
	<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>				
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	2	\$ 20,680	\$ 18,539	\$ 22,230
4550-4559	Library	2	\$ 39,451	\$ 39,134	\$ 40,495
4583	Patriotic Purposes	2	\$ 750	\$ 749	\$ 750
	<u>CONSERVATION</u>				
4619	Other Conservation	2	\$ 1,970	\$ 1,608	\$ 1,970
	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>				
4711	Principal – Long Term Bonds & Notes	2	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0
4721	Interest – Long Term Bonds & Notes	2	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0
4800	<u>OTHER APPROPRIATIONS</u>				
	Improvements Other Than Buildings	2	\$ 7,900	\$ 16,429	\$ 7,950
<u>SUBTOTAL 1</u>			\$964,307	\$ 906,090	\$1,046,498

2014 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD – 2

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)			Appropriations 2014	Expenditures 2014	Appropriations 2015
Acct. #		Warrant Article #			
	SPECIAL*				
	WARRANT ARTICLES				
	Bridges Replace/Repair	3	\$ 75,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 77,250
	Fire Truck	3	45,000	26,000	46,350
	Grader	3	19,107	18,550	19,680
	Highway Trucks	3	33,000	52,750	4,327
	Heavy Equipment Maint.	3	-0-	-0-	20,000
	Loader/backhoe	3	29,445	7,885	30,000
	Police Cruiser	3	7,880	7,650	9,000
	Town Buildings	3	7,210	7,000	15,000
<u>SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED</u>			\$216,642	\$169,835	\$221,607

*Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as appropriations 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a non-lapsing or nontransferable article.

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)			Appropriations 2014	Expenditures 2014	Appropriations 2015
Acct. #		Warrant Article #			
	INDIVIDUAL**				
	WARRANT ARTICLES				
4325	Household Hazardous Waste		\$ 2,000	\$ 3,090	\$ 553
4902	Hwy Backhoe/Loader		-0-	-0-	100,000
4902	Fire Dept. Truck		380,000	-0-	-0-
4902	Fire Dept. Capital Reserve		-0-	-0-	23,000
4902	Fire Dept. Equipment		-0-	-0-	65,900
4902	Police Cruiser		-0-	-0-	7,000
4902	Cemetery Mower		-0-	-0-	6,500
4903	Improvements to Town Office		-0-	-0-	-0-
4903	Capital Improv. Long-Range Plan		17,360	-0-	-0-
4904	Bridge Repair/Replacement		65,000	33,379	75,000
4904	Road Improvement/Paving		75,000	75,000	90,530
4905	Statistical Ana/Reappraisal		10,320	10,320	10,320
4909	Tree Care Replenishment		2,800	6,625	2,800
4909	Niles Fund		3,500	1,640	5,000
4909	250 th Celebration		1,500	1,128	5,000
<u>SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED</u>			\$ 557,480	\$131,182	\$391,603

***"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles." Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

2014 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD -- 3

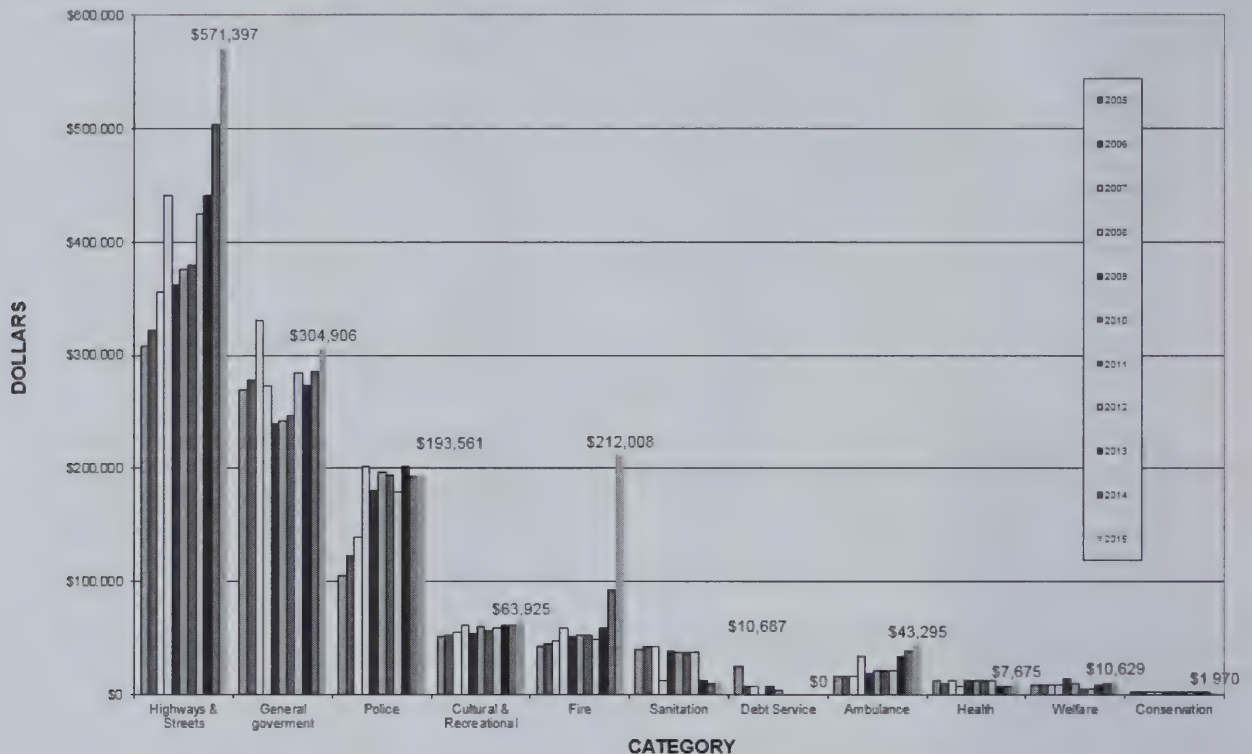
SOURCE OF REVENUE		Estimated Revenue 2014	Actual Revenue 2014	Estimated Revenue 2015
Acct. #	TAXES	Warrant Article #		
3120	Land Use Change Taxes	\$ -0-	\$ 28,847	\$ -0-
3185	Timber Taxes	11,000	23,875	8,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	3,138	3,359	3,359
3189	Other Taxes	1,000	1,199	1,000
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3,000	5,026	1,000
	Inventory Penalties	-0-	-0-	-0-
3187	Excavation Tax (2 cents per cu. Yd.)	-0-	-0-	-0-
	<u>LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES</u>			
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$150,000	\$231,665	\$150,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	3,000	10,711	6,000
3311-3319	<u>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
	<u>FROM STATE</u>			
3351	Shared Revenues	-0-	-0-	-0-
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	54,968	59,685	59,685
3353	Highway Block Grant	53,526	54,924	54,730
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	-0-	-0-	-0-
3379	<u>FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS</u>	7,500	7,500	7,500
	<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>			
3401-3406	Income from Departments	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
3409	Other Charges	\$ -0-	-0-	\$ -0-
	<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>			
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	
3502	Interest on Investments	-0-	464	-0-
3503-3508	Other (Insurance Refunds)		12,704	
3509	Other (Old Town Hall)	135,000	-0-	\$ -0-
	<u>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</u>			
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds (special warrant articles)	\$455,320	\$ 45,358	\$ 198,820
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds Niles Fund	3,500	1,640	5,000
	<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>			
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes	50,000	291,088	50,000
<u>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS</u>		\$ 795,452	\$778,045	\$545,094

<u>BUDGET SUMMARY</u>		2014	2015
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended	\$	964,307	\$1,046,498
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended		216,642	221,607
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended		557,480	391,603
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$	1,738,429	\$1,659,708
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits		795,452	545,094
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$	942,977	\$1,114,614

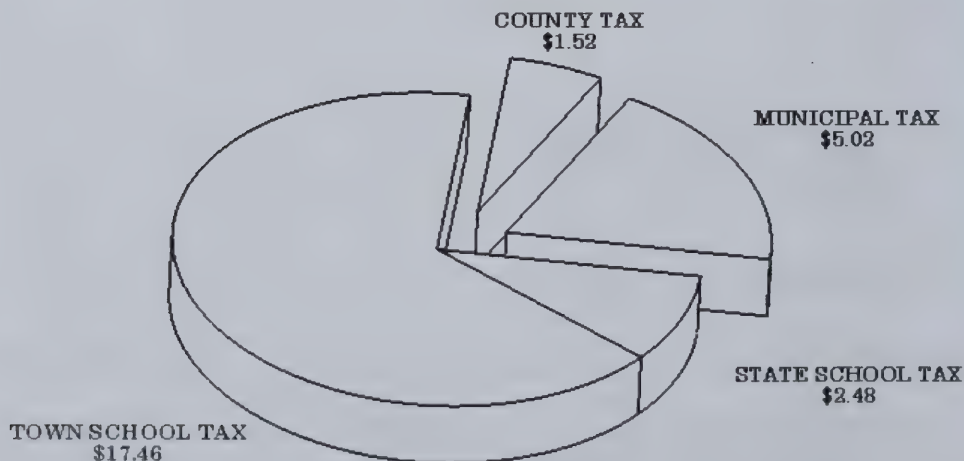
BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTS

COMPARISON OF 2015 PROPOSED TO PRIOR BUDGETS SINCE 2005
(Capital Reserve is included)
Prior to 2009, Health, Life, & Dental insurances were in General Government

Chart Area

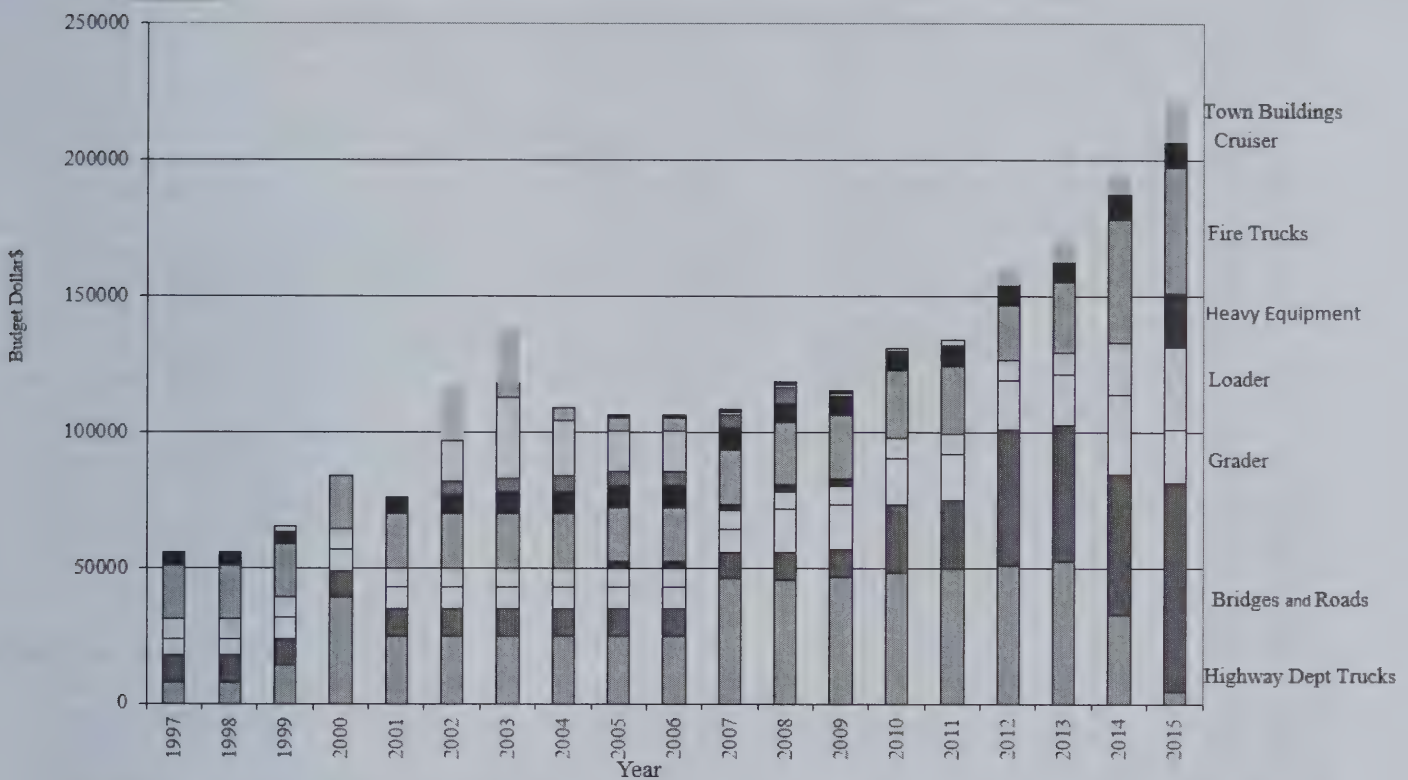


**2014 TAX FOR EACH OF THE 4 MAJOR CATEGORIES
FOR EACH \$1,000 OF PROPERTY VALUATION**



NOTE: THE STATE SCHOOL TAX GOES DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL,
THE STATE SCHOOL TAX AND THE TOWN SCHOOL TAX COMPRISE 75.3% OF
THE TAX BILL, WHILE THE MUNICIPAL PORTION IS 19%

**19 Years of Capital Reserve Budgets
1997 to 2015**
(Items with asterisks (*) have no funds added in 2012 through 2015)



The chart below shows how our taxes were allocated in 2014. School and State portions are both school taxes, and made up 75.3% of our 2014 tax, while Municipal costs made up 19%, up 2.8% from 2013.

ORFORD VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE
Revised Jan 17, 2015

YEARS	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT																				
Truck #3																				
Truck #2																				
1 Ton Truck																				
Loader/Backhoe																				
Grader																				
POLICE DEPARTMENT																				
CRUISER-EXPEDITION																				
CRUISER-INTERCEPTOR																				
FIRE DEPARTMENT																				
Fire Engine Truck #1																				
Pumper Engine #3																				
Rescue Equipment Truck																				
CEMETERY																				
Mower																				
PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS																				
Mower																				

CAPITAL RESERVE WORKSHEET FOR 2015 BUDGET 1/17/2015

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
BRIDGES & ROADS																
ADD EACH YR			\$50,000	\$75,000	\$77,250	\$79,568	\$81,955	\$84,413	\$86,946	\$89,554	\$92,241	\$95,008	\$97,858	\$100,794	\$103,818	\$106,932
PROJECTED BALANCE		\$53,734	\$103,734	\$178,734	\$255,984	\$335,552	\$417,506	\$501,919	\$588,865	\$678,419	\$770,659	\$865,667	\$963,525	\$1,064,319	\$1,168,136	\$1,275,068
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT																
TRUCK 2, 2012		\$148,400														
TRUCK 3, 2008						\$190,362								\$241,905		
1 TON TRUCK 2011							\$75,701								\$95,896	
CREDIT TRADE IN		\$14,840		\$0	\$0	\$19,096	\$7,570							\$24,190.43	\$9,590	
ADD EACH YR		\$49,719	\$51,211	\$52,750	\$4,327	\$50,000	\$51,500	\$53,045	\$54,636	\$56,275	\$57,964	\$59,703	\$61,494	\$63,339	\$65,239	\$67,196
START @		\$45,000														
PROJECTED BALANCE	\$180,179	\$106,442	\$159,132	\$192,192	\$196,519	\$74,653	\$58,022	\$111,067	\$165,704	\$22,789	\$110,753	\$170,456	\$231,949	\$17,573	\$56,506	\$123,702
LOADER/BACKHOE																
LOADER 1998																
BACKHOE					\$130,000											
CREDIT TRADE IN					\$10,400											
ADD EACH YR		\$7,431	\$7,653	\$29,445	\$60,000	\$8,616	\$8,874	\$9,141	\$9,415	\$9,697	\$9,988	\$10,288	\$10,597	\$10,914	\$11,242	\$11,579
START @		\$46,500														
PROJECTED BALANCE	\$24,949	\$34,122	\$42,007	\$71,452	\$11,852	\$20,468	\$29,342	\$38,483	\$47,898	\$57,596	\$67,584	\$77,872	\$88,468	\$99,383	\$110,625	\$122,204
GRADER 2006																\$340,487
CREDIT TRADE IN																
ADD EACH YR		\$17,484	\$18,008	\$19,107	\$19,680	\$20,270	\$20,878	\$21,505	\$22,150	\$22,814	\$23,493	\$24,204	\$24,930	\$25,678	\$26,448	\$27,241
START @		\$16,000														
PROJECTED BALANCE	\$89,738	\$111,431	\$129,981	\$149,088	\$168,767	\$189,037	\$209,915	\$231,420	\$253,570	\$276,384	\$299,882	\$324,086	\$349,016	\$374,693	\$401,141	\$87,896
FIRE TRUCK																
ENGINE #1 1991					\$375,026											
PUMPER #3 1996						20 YR		\$266,600								
RESCUE 1999								\$13,330					\$190,000			
CREDIT TRADE IN					\$700								\$9,500			
ADD EACH YR		\$25,750	\$26,000	\$45,000	\$46,350	\$47,741	\$49,173	\$50,648	\$52,167	\$53,732	\$55,344	\$57,005	\$58,715	\$60,476	\$62,291	\$64,159
START @		\$225,000														
PROJECTED BALANCE	\$322,440	\$371,681	\$397,681	\$442,681	\$114,705	\$162,446	\$211,618	\$8,396	\$61,163	\$114,936	\$170,240	\$227,245	\$105,460	\$165,336	\$228,226	\$292,386
FIRE DEPT EXP TRUST																
Protective Gear					\$6,000	\$6,180	\$6,365	\$6,556	\$6,753	\$6,956	\$7,164	\$7,379	\$7,601	\$7,829	\$8,063	\$8,305
SCBA (Air Packs)					\$6,000	\$6,180	\$6,365	\$6,556	\$6,753	\$6,956	\$7,164	\$7,379	\$7,601	\$7,829	\$8,063	\$8,305
Dry Hydrants					\$3,000	\$3,030	\$3,183	\$3,278	\$3,377	\$3,478	\$3,582	\$3,690	\$3,800	\$3,914	\$4,032	\$4,153
Hose					\$2,000	\$2,060	\$2,122	\$2,185	\$2,251	\$2,319	\$2,388	\$2,460	\$2,534	\$2,610	\$2,688	\$2,768
Radios, Pagers																
Expenditures					\$23,000											
PROJECTED BALANCE																
CRUISERS																
Expedition 2010								\$38,110							\$46,870	
Interceptor 2014			\$32,330		\$7,000							\$38,192				
TRADE CREDIT/GRANT					\$0			\$762.20				\$764			\$937.41	
ADD EACH YR		\$7,212	\$7,428	\$7,650	\$7,880	\$9,270	\$9,548	\$9,835	\$10,130	\$10,433	\$10,746	\$11,069	\$11,401	\$11,743	\$12,095	\$12,458
PROJECTED BALANCE	\$17,068	\$26,000	\$1,320	\$9,200	\$11,200	\$20,470	\$30,018	\$2,505	\$12,634	\$23,068	\$33,814	\$7,455	\$18,856	\$30,599	\$3,239	\$9,219
MOVERS																
CEMETARY		\$5,600			\$6,300				\$7,100				\$7,391			
PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS																
CREDIT TRADE IN		\$560	\$0		\$630		\$0		\$110		\$0		\$0	\$199	\$0	\$0
ADD EACH YR		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
START @		\$25,300														
PROJECTED BALANCE	\$20,260	\$32,191	\$32,191	\$32,191	\$26,521	\$26,521	\$26,521	\$26,521	\$26,521	\$20,131	\$20,131	\$20,131	\$12,140	\$12,339	\$12,339	\$12,339
Town Buildings																
ADD EACH YEAR		\$6,500	\$7,000	\$7,210	\$15,000	\$15,450	\$15,914	\$16,391	\$16,883	\$17,389	\$17,911	\$18,448	\$19,002	\$19,572	\$20,159	\$20,764
WITHDRAWALS																
PROJECTED BALANCE	\$19,352	\$16,332	\$23,542	\$23,542	\$38,542	\$53,992	\$69,906	\$86,296	\$103,179	\$120,568	\$138,479	\$156,927	\$175,929	\$195,500	\$215,659	\$236,422
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026

Budget Committee member Warrant Articles recommendations:

ARTICLE 2: General Municipal Operations \$1,046,498—Majority Do Not Recommend

ARTICLE 3: Capital Reserve Funding \$221,607-- Majority Recommend

ARTICLE 4: Fire Department Capital Reserve \$23,000 –Unanimous Do Not Recommend

ARTICLE 5: Fire Department Equipment \$65,900 –Majority Recommend

ARTICLE 6: Reappraisal Capital Reserve Fund \$10,320—Unanimous Recommend

ARTICLE 7: Police Cruiser Capital Reserve \$7,000--Unanimous Recommend

ARTICLE 8: Grimes Hill Road Bridge \$75,000 – Unanimous Do Not Recommend –Committee Recommends change to expend up to \$50,000, use steel Orford owns and Orford Highway Department do most work—with this change: Unanimous Recommend

ARTICLE 9: Name change Orford Tractor/Mower to Orford Mower/Building –Unanimous Recommend

ARTICLE 10: New Cemetery Mower \$6,500 – Unanimous Recommend

ARTICLE 11: Backhoe replacement \$130,000 –Majority Do Not Recommend; Most Recommend \$100,000 max used from Capital reserve & balance from sale or trade of existing backhoe if fixing/refurbishing of existing backhoe is not practical

ARTICLE 12: Paving \$90,530 – Majority Do Not Recommend – we already have encumbered funds

ARTICLE 13: Lenore Niles Fund \$5,000 – Unanimous Recommend

ARTICLE 14: Hazardous Waste Disposal \$553 – Unanimous Recommend

ARTICLE 15: Tree Care and Replenishment \$2,800 – Unanimous Recommend

ARTICLE 16: 250th Celebration \$5,000 – Unanimous Recommend

ARTICLE 17: Bandstand on Common – Majority do not Recommend

Additional Recommendations:

1. Vote to move Article 5 before Article 4
2. Consider increasing employee insurance cost contribution to 15%
3. Establish a Town study group to formulate a more comprehensive, objective, and impartial employee wage and benefits report using the surrounding region including towns close by in Vermont, for an open-meeting presentation to the Selectboard, Budget Committee, and citizens, within five months from Town Meeting day. A call for volunteers to comprise this 5-member group should be made at Town Meeting, and their selection should be by majority vote of the combined Selectboard and Budget Committee members, in an open-meeting, within 30 calendar days.
4. Sell the Parks & Playgrounds mower, which has gone unused for several years due to contracting mowing of the common
5. Sell or trade the cemetery mower being replaced this year

Some aspects of the budget process frustrated the Budget Committee this year. Good discussions took place and budget amounts were set, but all information necessary to make informed decisions was not provided in a timely manner. On more than one budget item, the Selectboard made increases without informing the Budget Committee of the changes until afterwards. Examples of this are in wages, particularly Town Administrator who was given a 7% increase effective in November 17, 2014, and the backhoe Warrant Article.

In three years the municipal operations budget will have increased \$104,101 if the proposed budget in Article 2 is approved. This should be of concern to everyone.

The Budget Advisory Committee

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT, 2015

This year the Selectboard and Town Administrator started the budget process in September with the Budget Advisory Committee. Heads of Departments presented their budgets, and a Public Budget Hearing was held in January. Many meetings were held and a lot of progress was made understanding the needs and requests of the departments. Our thanks go to the many people who worked hard trying to keep their budgets low and provided information during this budgeting process.

For a number of years the country and our corner of it had been in a recession, which led to budgetary decisions trying to keep costs as low as possible. Now that circumstances have changed, in some areas we will likely try to catch up with repairs and purchases that are overdue.

Municipal operations are now \$1,046,498, a jump of \$82,191, 8.52%, from the 2014 budget. If all the Warrant Articles to raise money that affect taxes are passed, \$490,890, the budget will total \$1,537,388. Some of this will be offset from the Capital Reserve, other revenue sources such as licenses & fees, the State, and unreserved fund balance raised by previous years taxes.

Most of this year's increases to Municipal Operations are in the Town Administration, Town Clerk, Police, Fire, and Highway Department expenditures. The greatest increase is in the Fire Department, up \$31,316, due to wages, training and rent, along with 2 warrant articles. The overall increase in the Town Administration budget is \$9,327. The Town Administrator receiving a 7% wage increase effective Nov. 17, 2014, and a new position for a part time Town Administrative clerk is proposed at \$14/hour based on a 6/hour week. This position will have someone trained in necessary work, such as payroll, accounts payable, and cover the office when the Town Administrator is away.

The Town Clerk budget is up \$8,814. The Selectboard proposed the Town Clerk's pay to be moved from fees to hourly wages (49% increase), \$15/hour based on a 22/hour week. This increase is between \$6,000-\$7,000. The Selectboard used Southern NH towns for comparable wages rather than the surrounding area. In addition to adjusting wages during 2014, employees will receive a 1.5% raise for 2015. Information Technology has gone up 18% as two more stations were added, one for the tax collector in the Town Clerk's office, and one for the Orford Fire Chief. The Highway Department increased \$12,470 and Police \$9,780. Ambulance has also increased \$4,948.

Capital Reserve Fund payments this year will total \$221,607 compared to \$216,642 in 2014. Payments to the different Funds are adjusted yearly to meet the replacement schedule for Town equipment and infrastructure needs. This year a new expendable Fund for the Fire Department of \$23,000 is being proposed for the purpose of replacing outdated equipment and gear. Most Funds have increased this year. Two significant adjustments were in the Highway Truck and Backhoe/Loader Funds. To meet the anticipated expense of a new backhoe (Article 11) the Truck Fund is reduced to \$4,327, and the Backhoe Fund increased to \$30,000 for 2015. Heavy Equipment Maintenance Fund increased to \$20,000.

Once again the majority of the Budget Committee remains concerned regarding the rising costs to taxpayers (you) for our Town's employee benefits and wages. The budget presented by the Selectboard requires Orford taxpayers (dealing with the effects of Recession), to pay higher property taxes to increase both Town employee benefits and wages, while neglecting the fact many of these same taxpayers themselves do not have health, dental, life insurance, retirement, and cost-of-living-adjustments (COLA).

The current benefit package includes health, dental, life insurance, and NH state retirement. These items bring expenses for you, the taxpayers, to an additional 70% above the employee wages. Currently, our employees are provided up to a full Family Health Plan (\$500/\$750 ER deductibles) and Dental Insurance Package. Their contribution is 5%, while your taxpayer portion is 95%. Observing nationwide trends and with some local towns, i.e. Lyme eff. 1/1/2009 and Canaan eff. 1/1/2013, voters have been adjusting benefit packages for their employees by offering single person health insurance plans with larger worker contributions and deductibles. Employees may also elect to add members of their family to these plans at full cost to themselves.

This year the Selectboard requested both the Town Clerk and Town Administrator to find out what and how towns comparable to Orford paid these positions. Data from Wilmot, Milan, Lempster, Bennington, Richmond, Marlow, and Monroe N.H. was utilized for setting a new salaried position for the Town Clerk. Though when she ran for elected office, she was aware the position was paid through fees for service. The outcome is the Town Clerk will receive a 49% raise. Bradford, Freedom, Hancock, Lyndeborough, and Sutton N.H. were used to adjust the Town Administrator's salary, though these towns are not in our local area. The outcome is the Town Administrator received a 7% wage adjustment effective November 17, 2014.

The majority of the Budget Committee does not agree with either the increase in wages or benefits as noted above, and especially not with the process used by the Selectboard to go about it. Town employees should not be delegated the official responsibility to establish the scope of comparables for use in determining their benefits and wages. All comparables were taken from outside our region, mostly located in Southern N.H., with no consistency.

2014 TAX RATE CALCULATION

TOWN/CITY: ORFORD

Gross Appropriations	1,738,429
Less: Revenues	1,041,182
Less: Shared Revenues	0
Add: Overlay	3,603
War Service Credits	33,400

Net Town Appropriation	734,250
Special Adjustment	

TOWN RATE 5.02

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	734,250
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SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp.-Revenue)	
3,455,3663 269,138	3,186,225
Regional School Apportionment	0
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(277,451)

LOCAL SCHOOL RATE 17.46

State Education Taxes	(355,459)
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	2,553,315

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

STATE SCHOOL RATE 2.48

Equalized Valuation (no utilities)	\$2.480
143,330,163	355,459
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)	
143,578,774	
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State	
Pay to State →	0

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	222,640
Less: Shared Revenues	0

COUNTY RATE 1.52

Approved County Tax Effort	222,640
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TOTAL RATE 26.48

Total Property Taxes Assessed	3,865,664
Less: War Service Credits	(33,400)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	3,832,264

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	143,578,774	2.48	355,459
All Other Taxes	146,232,874	24.00	3,510,205
			3,865,664

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS

January 2014 to December 2014

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
EXECUTIVE				
BOARD OF SELECTMEN				
01-4130.10-130	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
01-4130.10-220	279.00	186.00	0.00	33.00
01-4130.10-225	65.00	43.50	21.50	33.08
01-4130.10-341	1,261.00	1,260.24	0.76	0.06
01-4130.10-350	1,040.00	862.68	177.32	17.05
01-4130.10-390	600.00	543.90	56.10	9.35
01-4130.10-550	100.00	37.88	62.12	62.12
01-4130.10-560	1,870.00	1,950.02	(80.02)	(4.28)
01-4130.10-570	1,500.00	2,024.18	(524.18)	(34.95)
01-4130.10-620	1,700.00	1,350.52	349.48	20.56
01-4130.10-625	1,600.00	884.36	715.64	44.73
01-4130.10-690	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
01-4130.10-740	500.00	412.29	87.71	17.54
TOTAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$15,065.00	\$14,105.57	\$ 959.43	6.37
TOWN ADMINISTRATION				
01-4130.20-110	\$ 44,158.00	\$ 45,246.08	\$ (1,088.08)	(2.46)
01-4130.20-210	25,293.00	23,185.69	2,107.31	8.33
01-4130.20-215	127.00	116.16	10.84	8.54
01-4130.20-217	1,649.00	1,511.40	137.60	8.34
01-4130.20-220	2,738.00	2,774.22	(36.22)	(1.32)
01-4130.20-225	640.00	648.72	(8.72)	(1.36)
01-4130.20-300	4,811.00	4,819.27	(8.27)	(0.17)
01-4130.20-690	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
01-4130.20-850	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
TOTAL TOWN ADMINISTRATION	\$79,616.00	\$78,379.54	\$ 1,236.46	1.55

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 2

		Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)

EXECUTIVE - TOWN ADMINISTRATION (continued)					
TOWN MEETING					
01-4130.30-550	MTG Town Report Printing	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,536.45	\$ (86.45)	(5.96)
01-4130.30-625	MTG Postage	500.00	310.44	189.56	37.91
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TOTAL TOWN MEETING		1,950.00	1,846.89	103.11	5.29
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TOTAL EXECUTIVE		\$ 96,631.00	\$ 94,332.00	\$ 4,042.78	13.21
ELECTION & REGISTRATION					
TOWN CLERK					
01-4140.10-120	TC Wages - Deputy Town Clerk	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 9,441.60	\$ (7,941.60)	(529.44)
01-4140.10-130	TC Salary - Town Clerk	1,500.00	1,520.52	(20.52)	(1.37)
01-4140.10-190	TC Town Clerk Fee's	10,000.00	2,114.50	7,885.50	78.86
01-4140.10-220	TC Social Security	825.00	810.73	14.27	1.73
01-4140.10-225	TC Medicare	190.00	189.63	0.37	0.19
01-4140.10-341	TC Telephone	420.00	426.12	(6.12)	(1.46)
01-4140.10-560	TC Dues & Subscriptions	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
01-4140.10-613	TC Dog Licenses	900.00	175.84	724.16	80.46
01-4140.10-615	TC Vital Statistics	700.00	110.00	590.00	84.29
01-4140.10-620	TC Office Supplies	800.00	639.77	160.23	20.03
01-4140.10-625	TC Postage	800.00	588.00	212.00	26.50
01-4140.10-850	TC Training and Seminars	500.00	727.95	(227.95)	(45.59)
01-4140.10-855	TC BMSI - Software & Training	2,000.00	1,949.00	51.00	2.55
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TOTAL TOWN CLERK		\$ 20,235.00	\$ 18,693.66	\$ 1,541.34	7.62
VOTER REGISTRATION					
01-4140.20-130	EL Wages - Election Officials	\$ 5,928.00	\$ 4,432.13	\$ 1,495.87	25.23
01-4140.20-220	EL Social Security	368.00	274.77	93.23	25.33
01-4140.20-225	EL Medicare	86.00	64.29	21.71	25.24

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS – 3

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
ELECTION & REGISTRATION (continued)				
01-4140.20-570	150.00	244.09	(94.09)	(62.73)
01-4140.20-620	50.00	0.00	50.00	100.00
01-4140.20-690	400.00	320.00	80.00	20.00
TOTAL VOTER REGISTRATION	\$ 6,982.00	\$ 5,335.28	\$ 1,646.72	23.59
TOTAL ELECTION & REGISTRATION	\$27,217.00	\$24,028.94	\$ 3,188.06	11.71
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION				
TAX COLLECTION				
01-4150.40-190	\$22,000.00	\$ 20,351.64	\$ 1,648.36	7.49
01-4150.40-195	1,000.00	379.50	620.50	62.05
01-4150.40-220	62.00	23.53	38.47	62.05
01-4150.40-225	15.00	5.50	9.50	63.33
01-4150.40-390	1,000.00	43.98	756.02	94.50
01-4150.40-620	800.00	394.00	405.60	50.70
01-4150.40-625	1,900.00	2,404.60	(504.60)	(26.56)
01-4150.40-630	1,880.00	1,833.50	46.50	2.47
01-4150.40-850	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.00
TOTAL TAX COLLECTION	\$29,657.00	\$ 25,627.25	\$ 4,029.75	13.59
TREASURY				
01-4150.50-130	\$ 1,725.00	\$ 1,725.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
01-4150.50-220	107.00	199.95	(92.95)	(86.87)
01-4150.50-225	25.00	46.76	(21.76)	(87.04)
01-4150.50-340	200.00	0.00	200.00	100.00
01-4150.50-620	200.00	0.00	200.00	100.00
01-4150.50-630	250.00	40.00	210.00	84.00
TOTAL TREASURY	\$ 2,507.00	\$ 2,011.71	\$ 495.29	19.76

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 4

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION				
BAD CHECKS				
01-4150.51-100	T Bad Checks	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
TOTAL BAD CHECKS				
		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
IT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY				
01-4150.60-330	IT Support & Maintenance (E)	\$ 8,287.22	\$ 1,212.78	12.77
01-4150.60-340	IT Licenses & Fees	6,069.14	630.86	9.42
01-4150.60-341	IT – Verizon/Topsham (Internet)	772.08	2.92	0.38
TOTAL IT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY				
		\$ 15,128.44	\$ 1,846.56	10.88
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION				
AUDITOR				
01-4150.70-135	AUD Annual Audit	\$ 10,450.00	(1,150.00)	(12.37)
01-4150.70-136	GASB - Municipal Resources	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL AUDITOR				
		\$ 10,450.00	(1,150.00)	(12.37)
TOTAL FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION				
		\$ 53,217.40	\$ 5,221.60	8.94
REVALUATION OF PROPERTY				
01-4152.10-390	AS Assessing/Pick-ups	\$ 9,585.00	\$ 1,915.00	14.70
01-4152.20-110	TM Wages - Tax Maps	500.00	0.00	0.00
01-4152.20-650	TM Tax Mapping - Cartographic	2,175.00	(275.00)	(14.47)
TOTAL REVALUATION OF PROPERTY				
		\$ 12,260.00	\$ 1,640.00	11.80

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 5

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
LEGAL EXPENSE				
01-4153.10-320	LE Town Attorney	\$ 11,518.56	3,481.44	23.21
01-4153.10-690	LE Other Legal Expenses	0.00	1,000.00	100.00
TOTAL LEGAL EXPENSE				
	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 11,518.56	\$ 4,481.44	28.01
PLANNING BOARD				
01-4191.10-390	PB Recording Fees	\$ 74.49	\$ 125.51	62.76
01-4191.10-391	PB UVLSRPC-Planning Assistant	6,487.36	(1,057.36)	(19.47)
01-4191.10-400	PB Secretarial	135.00	405.00	75.00
01-4191.10-550	PB Legal Expenses	568.66	(168.66)	(42.17)
01-4191.10-560	PB Dues & Subscriptions	16.00	84.00	84.00
01-4191.10-570	PB Advertising	59.71	140.29	70.15
01-4191.10-625	PB Postage	36.30	438.70	92.36
TOTAL TOTAL PLANNING BOARD				
	\$ 7,345.00	\$ 7,377.52	\$ (32.52)	(0.44)
GOVERNMENT BUILDING				
01-4194.10-360	GB Custodial Services	\$ 567.00	\$ 433.00	43.30
01-4194.10-365	GB Snow Shoveling Services	2,115.00	(115.00)	(5.75)
01-4194.10-410	GB Electricity	2,480.73	(480.73)	(24.04)
01-4194.10-411	GB Propane	4,536.10	463.90	9.28
01-4194.10-430	GB Repairs & Maintenance	849.33	(149.33)	(21.33)
01-4194.10-610	GB Supplies	200.43	99.57	33.19
01-4194.10-710	GB Improvements to Grounds	112.24	387.76	77.55
01-4194.10-720	GB Improvements to Buildings	2,339.86	160.14	6.41
01-4194.10-750	GB Furniture	109.99	90.01	45.01
01-4194.10-800	GB Herbicide Application	830.00	10.00	1.19
TOTAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING				
	\$15,040.00	\$ 14,140.68	\$ 899.32	5.98

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 6

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
CEMETERIES				
01-4195.10-110	\$14,360.00	\$ 15,339.70	\$ (979.70)	(6.82)
01-4195.10-220	890.00	951.06	(61.06)	(6.86)
01-4195.10-225	208.00	222.39	(14.39)	(6.92)
01-4195.10-490	1,000.00	708.71	291.29	29.13
01-4195.10-635	1,400.00	1,233.48	166.52	11.89
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TOTAL CEMETERIES	\$17,858.00	\$ 18,455.34	\$ (597.34)	(3.34)
INSURANCE NOT OTHERWISE ALLOCATED				
01-4196.10-520	\$ 13,149.00	\$13,149.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
01-4196.10-521	7,698.00	0.00	7,698.00	100.00
01-4196.10-522	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-4196.10-525	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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TOTAL INSURANCE NOT OTHERWISE ALLOCATED	\$20,847.00	\$13,149.00	\$ 7,698.00	36.93
ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASSOCIATION				
01-4197.10-560	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,599.44	\$ 0.56	0.03
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TOTAL ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,599.44	\$ 0.56	0.03
CONTINGENCY FUND				
01-4199.10-000	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$5,000.00	100.00
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TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$279,877.00	250,078.88	\$29,798.12	10.65

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 7

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
PUBLIC SAFETY				
POLICE DEPARTMENT				
01-4210.10-110	\$ 80,512.00	\$ 81,336.75	\$ (824.75)	(1.02)
01-4210.10-113	1,725.00	1,437.50	287.50	16.67
01-4210.10-116	500.00	0.00	500.00	100.00
01-4210.10-120	1,500.00	2,865.00	(1,365.00)	(91.00)
01-4210.10-210	34,662.00	14,754.53	19,907.47	57.43
01-4210.10-215	300.00	250.44	94.56	31.52
01-4210.10-217	2,141.00	1,880.22	260.78	12.18
01-4210.10-220	180.00	89.13	90.87	50.48
01-4210.10-225	1,170.00	1,233.56	(63.56)	(5.43)
01-4210.10-230	21,970.00	20,887.23	1,082.77	4.93
01-4210.10-341	1,200.00	864.72	335.28	27.94
01-4210.10-390	14,000.00	13,856.50	143.50	1.03
01-4210.10-430	3,000.00	2,394.92	605.08	20.17
01-4210.10-560	300.00	270.00	30.00	10.00
01-4210.10-620	750.00	475.66	274.34	36.58
01-4210.10-635	7,250.00	4,617.72	2,632.28	36.31
01-4210.10-690	6,300.00	6,126.08	173.92	2.76
01-4210.10-840	3,500.00	3,016.25	483.75	13.82
01-4210.10-845	2,221.00	2,185.00	36.00	1.62
01-4210.10-850	350.00	448.60	(98.60)	(28.17)
01-4210.10-870	250.00	48.00	202.00	80.80
01-4210.20-100	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-4210.20-225	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$ 183,781.00	\$158,992.81	\$ 24,788.19	13.49
Reimbursement: Special Detail				
	(\$3,502.25)			

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 8

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
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AMBULANCE				
01-4215.10-351	AMB Upper Valley Ambulance	\$ 38,347.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
TOTAL	AMBULANCE	<u>\$ 38,347.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
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FIRE DEPARTMENT				
01-4220.10-120	FD Wages - P/T	\$ 6,090.00	\$ (3,483.48)	(57.20)
01-4220.10-130	FD Wages - Fire Wardens	250.00	250.00	100.00
01-4220.10-220	FD Social Security	378.00	(215.55)	(57.02)
01-4220.10-225	FD Medicare	146.00	7.16	4.90
01-4220.10-390	FD Dispatch	\$ 4,000.00	(139.70)	(3.49)
01-4220.10-395	FD Emergency Medical Services	300.00	(160.10)	(53.37)
01-4220.10-430	FD Equipment Maintenance	5,000.00	(818.17)	(16.36)
01-4220.10-440	FD Rent	4,800.00	0.00	0.00
01-4220.10-560	FD Dues & Subscriptions	100.00	(85.00)	(85.00)
01-4220.10-635	FD Vehicle Fuel	1,000.00	73.11	7.31
01-4220.10-740	FD Equipment	10,000.00	(3,559.21)	(35.59)
01-4220.10-741	FD Compressor	250.00	250.00	100.00
01-4220.10-830	FD Forest Fire	200.00	(18.28)	(9.14)
01-4220.10-840	FD Radios	4,000.00	590.24	14.76
01-4220.10-850	FD Training	<u>9,000.00</u>	<u>8,357.01</u>	<u>92.86</u>
TOTAL	FIRE DEPARTMENT	<u>\$45,514.00</u>	<u>\$1,048.03</u>	<u>2.30</u>
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DAMAGE FROM HURRICANE IRENE		\$ 0.00	17,618.56	0.00
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
01-4290.10-690	EM Emergency Management	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 479.57	39.96
TOTAL	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 479.57</u>	<u>39.96</u>
TOTAL	PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>\$268,842.00</u>	<u>\$ 43,934.35</u>	<u>16.34</u>

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 9

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS				
ROAD MAINTENANCE				
01-4312.20-110	\$137,705.00	\$134,931.37	\$ 2,773.63	2.01
01-4312.20-120	250.00	110.00	140.00	56.00
01-4312.20-210	46,840.00	42,936.53	3,903.47	8.33
01-4312.20-215	500.00	269.40	203.60	17.87
01-4312.20-217	2,382.00	2,180.30	201.70	8.47
01-4312.20-220	8,538.00	8,355.14	182.86	2.14
01-4312.20-225	2,000.00	1,954.37	45.63	2.28
01-4312.20-230	14,830.00	14,511.27	318.73	2.15
01-4312.20-341	1,500.00	1,530.76	(30.76)	(2.05)
01-4312.20-410	1,200.00	1,230.15	(30.15)	(2.51)
01-4312.20-411	1,400.00	4,479.37	(3,079.37)	(219.96)
01-4312.20-430	200.00	305.00	(105.00)	(52.50)
01-4312.20-440	10,000.00	8,530.50	1,469.50	14.70
01-4312.20-560	25.00	0.00	25.00	100.00
01-4312.20-610	1,500.00	3,421.88	(1,921.88)	(128.13)
01-4312.20-630	14,000.00	11,712.31	2,287.69	16.34
01-4312.20-635	150.00	0.00	150.00	100.00
01-4312.20-636	23,000.00	22,880.41	119.59	0.52
01-4312.20-637	1,400.00	1,066.68	333.32	23.81
01-4312.20-640	500.00	1,305.49	(805.49)	(161.10)
01-4312.20-730	5,000.00	4,434.91	565.09	11.30
01-4312.20-740	2,500.00	9,029.71	(6,529.71)	(261.19)
01-4312.20-840	4,000.00	4,446.62	(446.62)	(11.17)
01-4312.20-861	4,000.00	5,129.17	(1,129.17)	(28.23)
01-4312.20-862	20,000.00	17,246.28	2,753.72	13.77
01-4312.20-863	500.00	1,005.76	(505.76)	(101.15)
01-4312.20-864	4,000.00	7,318.64	(3,318.64)	(82.97)
01-4312.20-865	1,000.00	1,127.43	(127.43)	(12.74)
01-4312.20-866	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
01-4312.20-868	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 10

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS (continued)				
01-4312.20-890	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
01-4312.20-895	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
TOTAL ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$309,320.00	\$311,476.45	\$ (2,156.45)	(0.70)
STREET LIGHTING				
01-4316.10-410	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,724.84	\$ (1,224.84)	(16.33)
TOTAL STREET LIGHTING	\$7,500.00	\$ 8,724.84	\$ (1,224.84)	(16.33)
TOTAL HIGHWAYS AND STREETS	\$316,820.00	\$320,201.29	\$ (3,381.29)	(1.07)
SANITATION				
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION				
01-4323.10-615	500.00	0.00	500.00	100.00
TOTAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00	100.00
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL				
01-4324.10-390	\$ 5,437.00	\$ 5,436.60	\$ 0.01	0.01
01-4324.10-395	130.00	61.85	68.15	52.42
01-4324.40-395	120.00	100.00	20.00	16.67
TOTAL SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	\$ 5,687.00	\$ 5,598.45	\$ 88.55	1.56
LANDFILL CLOSURE				
01-4324.50-100	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,000.00	100.00
TOTAL LAND CLOSURE	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,000.00	100.00
TOTAL SANITATION	\$10,187.00	\$ 5,598.45	\$ 4,588.55	45.04

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 11

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
HEALTH - ANIMAL CONTROL				
01-4414.10-390 AC Veterinary/Boarding	1,000.00	400.00	600.00	60.00
TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 600.00	60.00
HEALTH AGENCIES				
01-4415.20-352 HA VNAVNH/Hospice	\$ 6,675.00	\$ 6,675.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
TOTAL HEALTH AGENCIES	\$ 6,675.00	\$ 6,675.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
TOTAL HEALTH	\$ 7,675.00	\$ 7,075.00	\$ 600.00	7.82
WELFARE				
DIRECT ASSISTANCE				
01-4442.10-410 DIR ASST Electricity	\$ 500.00	\$ 112.00	\$ 388.00	77.60
01-4442.10-411 DIR ASST Heat	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.00
01-4442.10-440 DIR ASST Rent	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	100.00
01-4442.10-690 DIR ASST Food/Misc	500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00	100.00
TOTAL DIRECT ASSISTANCE	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 112.00	\$ 4,888.00	97.76
INTERGOVERNMENTAL WELFARE				
01-4444.10-370 IW CASA	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
01-4444.10-375 IW MVHI	1,000.00	927.75	72.25	7.23
01-4444.10-390 IW Tri-County CAP	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
01-4444.20-380 IW West Central Behav. Health	1,155.00	0.00	1,155.00	100.00
01-4444.20-390 IW Gftn Cty Snr Cit	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL WELFARE	\$ 5,155.00	\$ 3,927.75	1,227.25	23.81
TOTAL WELFARE	\$ 10,155.00	\$ 4,039.75	\$ 6,115.25	60.22
PARKS AND RECREATION				
01-4520.10-120 P&P Wages - P/T	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,005.00	\$ 195.00	8.86
01-4520.10-130 P&P Wages - Swim Instructor	1,750.00	1,699.50	50.50	2.89

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 12

PARKS AND RECREATION (continued)

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
01-4520.10-131 P&P Swim Aides	1,550.00	1,350.50	199.50	12.87
01-4520.10-133 P&P Swim Program - Misc.	300.00	0.00	300.00	100.00
01-4520.10-220 P&P Social Security	350.00	313.42	36.58	10.45
01-4520.10-225 P&P Medicare	80.00	73.32	6.68	8.35
01-4520.10-360 P&P Mowing	10,750.00	10,749.97	0.03	0.00
01-4520.10-410 P&P Electricity	450.00	447.57	2.43	0.54
01-4520.10-691 P&P Portable Toilets	\$ 2,550.00	1,022.00	1,528.00	59.92
01-4520.10-695 P&P Improvements	300.00	416.70	(116.70)	(38.90)
01-4520.10-821 P&P CSO Recreation Council	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-4520.10-900 P&P Orford Garden Club	400.00	460.85	(60.85)	(15.21)
TOTAL PARKS AND RECREATION	\$ 20,680.00	\$ 18,538.83	\$ 2,141.17	10.35
Reimbursement: Swim Program-Piermont/Monitor (\$2,500.00)				

CULTURE AND RECREATION LIBRARY

01-4550.10-110 LIB Wages	\$ 10,790.00	\$ 10,752.50	\$ 37.50	0.35
01-4550.10-220 LIB Social Security	669.00	666.64	2.36	0.35
01-4550.10-225 LIB Medicare	157.00	155.98	1.02	0.65
01-4550.20-490 LIB Free Lib-Approp	8,335.00	8,059.00	276.00	3.31
01-4550.30-490 LIB Soc Lib-Approp	19,500.00	19,500.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL LIBRARY	\$ 39,451.00	\$ 39,134.12	\$ 316.88	0.80

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

01-4583.10-610 PP Patriotic Purposes-Misc	\$ 200.00	\$ 198.88	\$ 1.12	0.56
01-4583.10-611 PP Parades	550.00	550.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	\$ 750.00	\$ 748.88	\$ 1.12	0.15

TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION

	\$60,881.00	\$58,421.83	\$ 2,459.17	4.04
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

01-4619.10-000 CONS Conservation Commission	\$ 1,970.00	\$ 1,608.28	\$ 361.72	18.36
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TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

	\$ 1,970.00	\$ 1,608.28	\$ 361.72	18.36
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SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS - 13

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
CONSERVATION COMMISSION SAVINGS ACCT.				
01-4620.10-100	CONS Con. Comm.-Savings Acct.	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
OTHER APPROPRIATIONS				
01-4800.10-112	ET Maintenance-Comm.Field	7,500.00	(8,529.21)	(113.72)
01-4800.10-113	Ld&Imp – Rivendell Trail	400.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OTHER APPROPRIATIONS				
		\$ 7,900.00	\$ (8,529.21)	(107.96)
TOTAL TOTAL OF TOWN DEPARTMENTS & OTHER APPROP				
		\$684,430.00	\$ (20,161.84)	(2.99)
TOTAL BUDGET GRAND TOTAL				
		\$964,307.00	\$ 75,946.66	7.88
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
01-4901.10-733	CO Land & Improvements - Trees	2,800.00	(3,825.00)	(136.61)
01-4902.10-743	CO Mach&Equip PD Cruiser	0.00	11,979.33	0.00
01-4902.10-850	Fire Department Truck	380,000.00	380,000.00	100.00
01-4903.10-740	Town Property	0.00	(810.59)	0.00
01-4903.10-750	Capital Improv.Long-Range Plan	17,360.00	13,020.00	25.00
01-4904.10-700	Bridge Replace/Repair	65,000.00	33,379.00	48.65
01-4904.10-701	Rd Improve/Paving	75,000.00	75,000.00	0.00
01-4905.10-700	Statistical Ana/Reappraisal	10,320.00	10,320.00	0.00
01-4909-10-731	CO Other than Bldg – 250 th	1,500.00	1,128.10	24.79
01-4909.10-732	CO Imp Other than Bldg-Niles	3,500.00	1,640.00	53.14
01-4909.10-734	CO Imp Other Than Bldgs-HazWas	2,000.00	(1,090.06)	(54.50)
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY				
		\$557,480.00	\$133,033.42	76.14
TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS				
01-4915.10-930	CRF Transfers to CRF	\$216,642.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATED FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR				
		\$1,738,429.00	\$1,238,035.76	28.78

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED
Voted by the Town of Orford on March 12, 2014

This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the town meeting, was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief. RSA 21-J:34.

Town of Orford Selectboard

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS	Warr. Art. #	Appropriations as Voted
<u>Account #</u> <u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>		
4130-4139 Executive	2	\$ 96,631
4140-4149 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	2	27,217
4150-4151 Financial Administration	2	58,439
4152 Revaluation of Property	2	13,900
4153 Legal Expense	2	16,000
4191-4193 Planning and Zoning	2	7,345
4194 General Government Buildings	2	15,040
4195 Cemeteries	2	17,858
4196 Insurance	2	20,847
4197 Advertising and Regional Associations	2	1,600
4199 Other General Government/Contingency	2	5,000
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>		
4210-4214 Police	2	183,781
4215-4219 Ambulance	2	38,347
4220-4229 Fire	2	45,514
4290-4298 Emergency Management	2	1,200
<u>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</u>		
4312 Highways and Streets	2	309,320
4313 Bridges	2	
4316 Street Lighting	2	7,500
<u>SANITATION</u>		
4323 Solid Waste Collection	2	500
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	2	5,687
4325 Solid Waste Clean-up	2	4,000
<u>HEALTH</u>		
4414 Pest Control	2	1,000
4415-4419 Health Agencies and Hospitals and Other	2	6,675
<u>WELFARE</u>		
4441-4442 Administration and Direct Assistance	2	5,000
4444 Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	2	5,155
<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>		
4520-4529 Parks and Recreation	2	20,680
4550-4559 Library	2	39,451
4583 Patriotic Purposes	2	750
<u>CONSERVATION</u>		
4619 Other Conservation	2	1,970

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED - 2
Voted by the Town of Orford on March 12, 2014

<u>PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS</u>		<u>Warr. Art. #</u>	<u>Appropriations as Voted</u>
<u>Account #</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>		
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes		\$ 0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes		0
	<u>OTHER APPROPRIATIONS</u>		
4800	Maintenance of Rivendell Trail		400
	<u>CAPITAL RESERVE</u>		
4901	Land Improvements – Tree	10	2,800
4902	Fire Dept. Trucks	6	380,000
4904	Bridge Repair/Replacement	5	65,000
4904	Paving	7	75,000
4905	Reappraisal/Statistical Analysis	4	10,320
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	8,9,11&12	24,360
	<u>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</u>		
4915	To Capital Outlay Fund	3	216,642
4916	To Expendable Trust Funds	2	7,500
	(except Health Maintenance Trust Fund)		
TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS			<u>\$1,738,429</u>

**SUMMARY OF REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES
For the Town of ORFORD – 2015**

RSA 21-J:34

<u>Account #</u>	<u>SOURCE OF REVENUE</u>	<u>Warr. Art. #</u>	<u>For Use by Municipality</u>
	<u>TAXES</u>		
3120	Land Use Change Tax		\$
3185	Timber Tax		8,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		3,359
3189	Other Taxes		1,000
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		1,000
	<u>LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES</u>		
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		\$150,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits and Fees		6,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT (3 HWY Safety Grants Dept. of Interior)		0
	<u>FROM STATE</u>		
3351	Shared Revenues		\$ 0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution		59,685
3353	Highway Block Grant		54,730
3359	Other (including Railroad Tax)		0
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS (Rivendell Com. Field)		7,500
	<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>		
3401-3406	Income from Departments		\$ 0
3409	Miscellaneous Charges & Fees		\$
	<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>		
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$ 0
3502	Interest on Investments		0
3503	Other (Old Town Hall)		\$ 0
	<u>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</u>		
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$455,320
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds (Niles Fund)		3,500
SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES			\$750,094
	<u>For Municipal Use</u>		
	General Fund Balance		
	Unreserved Fund Balance	534,580	
	Less Fund Balance – Reduce Taxes	291,088	
	Fund Balance – Retained	243,492	
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS			<u>\$1,041,182</u>
REQUESTED OVERLAY (RSA 76:6)			\$ 3,500

2014 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
Town of ORFORD in Grafton County

This is to certify that the information provided in this report was taken from the official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. Rev 1707.03(d)(7)

Selectboard of the Town of Orford

<u>CATEGORY</u>	Number of <u>Acres</u>	2014 Assessed Valuation by City/Town
1. VALUE OF LAND ONLY		
A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 70-A	25,328.59	\$ 1,587,295
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-B	169.83	31,079
C. Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C	0	0
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	0	0
E. Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved Land)	2,475.25	45,353,100
F. Commercial/Industrial Land (DO NOT include Utility Land)	186.71	3,390,100
G. Total of Taxable Land (Sum of Lines 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E and 1F)	28,160.38	\$ 50,361,574
H. Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land (\$4,426,300)	1,723.70	6,342,800
2. VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY (Exclude Amounts Listed on Lines 3A and 3B)		
A. Residential		\$ 83,681,737
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		2,263,400
C. Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT include Public Buildings)		7,261,400
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D Number of structures	7	60,663
E. Total of Taxable Buildings (Sum of lines 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D)		\$ 93,267,200
F. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings		9,726,100
3. PUBLIC UTILITIES (see RSA 83-F:1 V for complete definition)		
A. Public Utilities (Real estate/buildings/structures/machinery/ dynamos/apparatus/poles/wires/fixtures of all kinds and descriptions/pipelines, etc.)		\$ 2,654,100
Utility Summary:		
Public Service of NH	\$1,006,800	
New Hampshire Electric Corp	1,439,800	
Transcanada Hydro Northeast	207,200	
Green Mountain Power Corp.	300	
Grand Total Valuation of all Utility Companies	\$2,654,100	
B. Other Public Utilities		0
4. MATURE WOOD AND TIMBER (RSA 79:5)		0
5. VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of Lines 1G, 2E, 3A, 3B and 4) (This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality)		\$135,921,732
6. Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a (Paraplegic and Double Amputees Owning Specially Adapted Homesteads with VA Assistance)		
Total # granted	0	0
7. Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b		
Total # granted	0	0
8. Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a		
Total # granted	0	0
9. School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Standard Exemption Up To \$150,000 for each)		
Total # granted	0	0
10. Water/Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12-a		
Total # granted	0	0
11. MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES (Line 5 minus Lines 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10) This figure will be used for calculating the total equalized value of your municipality.		<u>\$135,921,732</u>
12. Blind Exemption RSA 72:37		
Total # granted	0	
Amount granted per exemption	0	\$ 0

2014 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION - 2

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>Number of Acres</u>	<u>2014 Assessed Valuation by City/Town</u>
13. Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39 a & b Total # granted	2	45,000

Elderly Exemption Report:

**TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED AN ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR THE
CURRENT YEAR & TOTAL AMOUNT OF EXEMPTION GRANTED**

<u>AGE</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE EXEMPTION AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL ACTUAL EXEMPTION AMOUNT</u>
65 – 74	0	\$15,000	\$ 0
75 - 79	1	\$ 20,000	\$20,000
80+	<u>1</u>	\$25,000	<u>\$25,000</u>
TOTAL	2		\$45,000

14. Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b Total # granted	0	
Amount granted per exemption	0	0
15. Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b Total # granted	1	
Amount granted per exemption	5,000	5,000
16. Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70		
Total # granted	0	0
17. Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:62 Total # granted	0	0
18. Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66		
Total # granted	0	0
19. Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Amounts in excess of \$150,000 exemption)		
Total # granted	0	0
20. TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Sum of Lines 12-19)		\$ 50,000
21. NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 11 minus Line 20)		<u>\$135,871,732</u>
22. LESS Utilities (Line 3A) Do NOT include the value of OTHER utilities listed in line 3B		\$ 2,654,100
23. NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 21 minus Line 22)		<u>\$133,217,632</u>

<u>TAX CREDITS</u>	<u>Limits</u>	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Tax Credits</u>
Totally and permanently disabled veterans, Their spouses or widows and the widows of Veterans who died or were killed on active duty. RSA 72:35	\$ 700minimum	2	\$ 1,400
Enter optional amount adopted by municipality...\$2,000	\$2,000	2	\$ 4,000
Other war service credits. RSA 72:28	\$ 50minimum	0	\$ 0
Enter optional amount adopted by municipality...\$500	\$ 500	<u>56</u>	<u>\$ 28,000</u>
TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT		<u>60</u>	<u>\$ 33,400</u>

*If both husband and wife qualify for the credit
they count as 2.

*If someone living at a residence as say brother and
sister and one qualifies count as 1, not one-half.

DISABLED EXEMPTION REPORT

	<u>Income Limits</u>	<u>Assess Limits</u>
Single	\$13,400	\$ 35,000
Married	20,400	35,000

2014 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION - 3

Total No. of Acres

CURRENT USE REPORT – RSA 79-A

	Receiving Current Use Assessment	Assessed Valuation
Farm Land	1,667.61	\$ 673,815
Forest Land	7,775.92	432,226
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	14,537.11	458,041
Unproductive Land	1,274.38	21,817
Wetland	<u>73.57</u>	<u>1,396</u>
TOTAL (See Item 1A)	25,328.59	\$ 1,587,295

OTHER CURRENT USE STATISTICS

Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	12,196.43
Removed from Current Use during Current Year	1.99

	<u>Total Number</u>
Total Number of Owners in Current Use	204
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	416

LAND USE CHANGE TAX

Gross monies received for Calendar Year (January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014) or Fiscal Year	\$ 3,090
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Conservation

Allocation: Percentage: 100% AND/OR Dollar Amount

Monies to Conservation Fund \$ 3,090

Monies to General Fund

DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS -- RSA 70-D

Historical Agriculture Structures

Total Number of Structures in Discretionary Easements	Description of Discretionary Preservation Easement Granted (i.e.: Barns, Silos, etc.) Map & Lot – Percentage Granted
7	79D Historic Barn / 000008 000029 000054 / 65%
	79D Historic Barn / 000008 000029 000054 / 65%
	79D Historic Barn / 000008 000093 000051 / 65%
	79D Historic Barn / 000008 000093 000069 / 60%
	79D Historic Barn / 000008 000093 000077 / 65%
	79D Historic Barn / 000008 000093 000077 / 70%
	79D Historic Barn / 000008 000093 000077 / 75%

Total Number of Acres

\$ 0 L/O

\$ 54,458

Number of Owners

4

Village District: VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>Number of Acres</u>	<u>2014 Assessed Valuation by City/Town</u>
1. VALUE OF LAND ONLY		
A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 70-A	36.00	\$ 10,814
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-B	0	0
C. Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C	0	0
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	0	0
E. Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved Land)	41.76	2,983,700
F. Commercial/Industrial Land (<u>DO NOT</u> include Utility Land)	19.43	1,021,800

2014 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION - 4

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>Number of Acres</u>	<u>2014 Assessed Valuation by City/Town</u>
1. Value of LAND ONLY (continued)		
G. Total of Taxable Land		
(Sum of Lines 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E and 1F)	97.19	\$ 4,016,314
H. Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land (\$523,900)	15.03	649,800
2. VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY (Exclude Amounts Listed on Lines 3A and 3B)		
A. Residential		\$ 4,682,600
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		126,800
C. Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT include Public Buildings)		1,588,000
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D		
Number of structures	0	0
E. Total of Taxable Buildings (Sum of lines 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D)		\$ 6,396,900
F. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Building (\$1,252,000)		753,800
3. PUBLIC UTILITIES (see RSA 83-F:1 V for complete definition) within district		
A. Public Utilities (Real estate/buildings/structures/machinery/ dynamos/apparatus/poles/wires/fixtures of all kinds and descriptions/pipelines, etc.)		\$ 0
B. Other Public Utilities		0
4. MATURE WOOD AND TIMBER (RSA 79:5)		0
5. VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of Lines 1G, 2E, 3A, 3B and 4) (This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality)		\$ 10,413,214
6. Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a (Paraplegic and Double Amputees Owning Specially Adapted Homesteads with VA Assistance)		
Total # granted	0	0
7. Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b		
Total # granted	0	0
8. Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a		
Total # granted	0	0
9. School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Standard Exemption Up To \$150,000 for each)		
Total # granted	0	0
10. Water/Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12-a		
Total # granted	0	0
11. MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES (Line 5 minus Lines 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10) This figure will be used for calculating the total equalized value of your municipality.		\$ 10,413,214
12. Blind Exemption RSA 72:37		
Total # granted	0	
Amount granted per exemption	15,000	\$ 0
13. Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39 a & b		
Total # granted	0	0
14. Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b		
Total # granted	0	
Amount granted per exemption	0	0
15. Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b		
Total # granted	0	
Amount granted per exemption	5,000	0
16. Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70		
Total # granted	0	0
17. Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:62		
Total # granted	0	0
18. Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66		
Total # granted	0	0
19. Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Amounts in excess of \$150,000 exemption)		
Total # granted	0	0
20. TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS(Sum on Lines 12-19)		0
21. NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR VILLAGE DISTRICT IS COMPUTED (Line 11 minus Line 20)		\$ 10,413,214

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
TOWN-OWNED LAND, BUILDINGS, AND EQUIPMENT
2014 Revaluation Assessments

<u>Departments</u>	<u>Land & Buildings</u> <u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Equipment</u> <u>Replacement Value</u>
<u>Cemeteries</u>		
Dame Hill Cemetery	\$ 55,000	
Orford West Cemetery (Street Cemetery)	153,000	
Orford East Cemetery (Davistown)	47,400	
Equipment*		10,000
<u>Fire Department</u>		
Mobile Equipment*		75,000
Vehicles*		750,000
Hose & Rack*		15,000
<u>Highway Department</u>		
Land and Buildings, Recycling Center	254,800	
Townshed Road Gravel Pit	72,700	
Orfordville HWY Garage	1,900	
Mobile Equipment*		94,570
Vehicles*		650,000
Contents*		39,000
<u>Library - Free Library</u>		
Land and Building	170,900	
Furniture and Equipment*		15,000
<u>Parks and Playgrounds</u>		
Community Field	180,300	
Connecticut River Boat Landing	155,000	
East Common	125,000	
West Common	27,600	
Indian Pond Picnic Area	250,600	
Lower Baker-Boat Access	156,900	
Upper Baker Pond-Town Beach	175,900	
Mobile Equipment*		10,000
<u>Police Department</u>		
Vehicle*		56,200
<u>Town Office (Includes Police Department)</u>		
Land and Buildings	327,800	
Furniture and Equipment*		90,000
<u>Conservation Commission</u>		
Former Watkins Land	3,300 (Sunday Mountain Development)	
Former Richmond Land	198,300	
Former Theodore R. Eck Land	2,518	
<u>Additional Town Property</u>		
Flat Rock	20,700	
Hall Land	25,800	
Huckins Hill Road	25,800	
Former Brookside Store Land	2,700	
Former Ducharme Property	162,100 (Adjacent to Boat Launch)	
	\$ 2,596,018	\$1,804,770

*Replacement Values for buildings, contents, vehicles and equipment are covered by PRIMEX .



Roberts & Greene, PLLC

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Orford, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Orford, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Orford, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

October 14, 2014

Roberts & Greene, PLLC

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	2014	2013
Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year		
Property Taxes, 1st Issue		87,746.34
Property Taxes, 2nd Issue		220,491.12
Yield Taxes		1,136.82
Current Use		
Penalty Charges		1,736
Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes, 1st Issue	1,879,987.00	
Property Taxes, 2nd Issue	1,948,293.00	
Penalty Charges	5,669.00	
Yield Taxes	22,920.86	
Current Use	32,590.00	
Gravel Tax	100.00	
Refunded overpayment Property Taxes		
Insufficient Check Charge		
Interest Collected on		
Delinquent Taxes		
1st Issue	3,097.85	8,248.10
2nd Issue	196.59	5,626.70
Yield	126.97	
Current Use		
TOTALS	3,892,981.27	324,985.08
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year		
Property Taxes, 1st Issue	1,779,533.80	87,746.34
Property Taxes, 2nd Issue	1,745,067.57	220,491.12
Yield Taxes	22,761.66	1,136.82
Gravel Taxes	100.00	
Penalty Charges	4,221.00	1,736.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	3,421.41	13,874.80
Current Use	32,590.00	
Insufficient Charge		
Refunds 1st Issue		
Abatements Allowed		
Property Taxes, 1st Issue	626.32	
Property Taxes, 2nd Issue		
Yield Tax		
Current Use		
Penalty Charges		
Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year		
Property Taxes, 1st Issue	99,826.88	
Property Taxes, 2nd Issue	203,225.43	
Penalty Charges	1,448.00	
Yield Tax	159.20	
Current Use		
Gravel Tax		
TOTALS	3,892,981.27	324,985.08

TAX COLLECTOR – 2

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

12/31/2014

	2013	2012	2011
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes			
Beginning of Fiscal Year 1/1/14		101,162.02	32,973.71
Mortgage Fees		833.00	481.00
Taxes Executed to Town			
During Fiscal Year	139,372.38		
Mortgage Fees	116.00		
Interest Collected	3,219.35	5,865.06	10,632.04
After Lien Execution			
Interest Deeded to Town			
TOTAL DEBITS	143,758.73	107,860.08	44,086.75
Remitted to Treasurer			
During Fiscal Year			
Redemption	48,778.95	30,166.52	32,973.21
Mortgage Fees	482.00	291.00	481.00
Interest and Cost after Lien	3,219.35	5,865.06	10,632.04
Abatements			
Property Taxes	658.50		
Mortgage Fees			
Deeded to Town			
Interest			
Mortgage Fees			
Unredeemed Taxes	89,934.93	70,795.50	
Mortgage Fees	685.00	542.00	
TOTAL CREDITS	143,758.73	107,860.08	44,086.25

**TOWN CLERK'S ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014**

TOTAL AMOUNT OF REVENUE \$343,962.30

Registration

1981 Auto Permits Issued
1970 Municipal Agent Functions

Town Tax Collected \$ 239,080.49

State Tax Collected \$ 93,504.59

Town Clerk Fees

1981 Registrations	@\$1.00	\$	1,981.00		
270 Title Applications	@\$2.00	\$	540.00		
108 Transfers	@\$5.00	\$	540.00		
1954 Municipal Agent	@\$2.50	\$	4,885.00		
				\$	7,946.00

Boat Registration Revenue \$ 448.72

Dog Licenses

302 Licenses Issued		\$1,400.50			
Late Penalties		\$ 53.00			
Town Clerk Fees		\$ 302.00		\$	1,755.50

Marriage Licenses

5 Marriage Licenses Issued					
State Revenue		\$ 190.00			
Town Clerk Fees		\$ 35.00		\$	225.00

Vital Records Copies

33 Certified Copies Issued					
State Revenue					
33 Copies @ \$15.00		\$ 495.00			
Town Clerk Fees					
33 Copies @ \$4.00		\$ 132.00		\$	627.00

U.C.C. Filings \$ 360.00

Miscellaneous (Ballots) \$ 15.00

TOWN CLERK'S ACCOUNT
JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2014

Boat Registrations

53 Registrations Issued

State Fees Collected \$ 2,266.00

Town Tax Collected \$ 448.72

Boat Agent Fees \$ 265.00

Total Boat Revenue \$2,979.72

OHRV Registrations

17 Registrations Issued

State Fees Collected \$ 972.00

OHRV Agent Fees \$ 51.00

Total OHRV Revenue \$1,023.00

NH Fish & Game Revenue

23 Hunting/Fishing Licenses Issued

State Fees Collected \$ 1,685.00

Agent Fees Collected \$ 49.00

Total NH Fish & Game Revenue \$1,734.00

Summary of Fees Paid to Town Clerk

Auto Fees \$7,946.00

Boat Agent Fees \$ 265.00

Certified Copy Fees \$ 135.00

Dog Licenses Fees \$ 302.00

Fish and Game Fees \$ 49.00

Marriage License Fees \$ 35.00

OHRV Agent Fees \$ 51.00

UCC Filing Fees \$ 360.00

Total Fees \$9,143.00

TREASURER'S REPORT
For the Year 2014
UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND

Cash on Hand January 1, 2014			\$924,818.23
REVENUE:			\$5,015,698.16
RECEIPTS: Tax Collector; Louise Mack		\$4,353,226.99	
RECEIPTS: Town Clerk; Deborah Hadlock		\$308,934.94	
INTEREST:			\$463.45
Woodsville Guaranty Bank	\$122.60		
Mascoma Savings Bank	\$340.85		
OTHER SOURCES:			\$352,890.78
State of New Hampshire (includes FEMA)	\$237,592.15		
US Payment in Lieu of Tax	\$3,359.00		
Rivendell license fee for use of Town field	\$7,500.00		
Transfers from Trustee of Trust Funds	\$78,247.12		
Other (includes Admin)	\$26,192.51		
Total Cash:			\$5,940,516.39
DISBURSEMENTS:			\$4,454,129.20
Rivendell School District		\$2,910,997.00	
Grafton County Tax		\$222,640.00	
Bond & Long Term Debt		\$0.00	
Transfers to Trustee of Trust Funds		\$236,942.00	
Town Expenses		\$1,083,550.20	
BALANCE:	(Total cash-Disbursements)		\$1,486,387.19
Cash on Hand			\$1,486,287.19
Woodsville Guaranty Register		\$294,035.78	
Mascoma Checking Register		\$1,188,112.65	
Mascoma Savings Account		\$4,238.76	

TREASURER'S REPORT for the Year 2014			
2014 Funds Encumbered / Liabilities			
Rivendell School District Assessment for School Year Ending June 2014			\$1,456,610.00
	Due 02/01/14	\$1,165,228.00	
	Due 05/01/14	\$291,322.00	
	Total	\$1,456,610.00	

TREASURER'S REPORT
For the Year 2014 (page 2)
RESTRICTED FUNDS

CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND

Balance December 31, 2013			\$163,462.30
Additions:			\$3,743.10
	Current use penalties	\$14,273.10	
	Donations from "Sales"	\$0.00	
	Donations: General	\$0.00	
Income:	(Interest less bank fees)		\$293.89
Disbursements			-\$417.87
	Reimburse Town: mowing and copying	-\$417.87	
Balance:			\$167,081.42
Cash on Hand: 12/31/2014			\$167,081.42
	Mascoma Checking Account	\$30,327.04	
	Mascoma Savings Account	\$136,754.38	

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Balance December 31, 2013			\$0.00
Additions:			\$2,473.00
Income:	(Interest less bank fees)		\$0.00
Disbursements			\$1,275.00
Balance:			\$1,198.00
Cash on Hand: 12/31/2014			\$1,198.00
	Mascoma Savings Account register	\$1,198.00	
Playground Committee			
Balance December 31, 2013			\$1,538.80
Additions:			\$0.00
	Donations: general	\$0.00	
	Donations: fund raiser	\$0.00	
Income:			\$0.00
Disbursements			\$0.00
	Bank charges	\$0.00	
	Misc, grocery & supplies	\$0.00	
	to Trustee fo Trust Funds	\$0.00	
Balance:			\$1,538.80
Cash on Hand: 12/31/2013			\$1,538.80
	Mascoma Savings Account register	\$1,538.80	

Calvina Reznec, Town of Orford Treasurer

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS, TOWN OF ORFORD FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

2/1/15	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			TOTAL			
		BEGINNING BALANCE	NEW FUNDS CREATED	GAINS OR LOSSES	WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE	BEGINNING BALANCE		INCOME AMOUNT	EXPENDED IN YEAR	END OF YR BALANCE
	TOTAL COMMON CEMETERY TRUSTS	\$178,688.83	\$2,000.00	\$12,578.03		\$193,266.86	\$31,414.33	\$2,941.63	\$34,355.96		\$227,622.82
	CAPITAL RESERVES AND OTHER TOWN FUNDS:										
1989	TOWN OF ORFORD/ BRIDGES & ROADS	\$103,734.16	\$75,000.00		\$33,122.51	\$145,611.65	\$256.49	\$260.64	\$256.49	\$260.64	\$145,872.29
1984	TOWN OF ORFORD/ COMM. FIELD (GIFT OF HAZEN MOREY)	200.00				200.00	254.03	0.51		254.54	454.54
1983	TOWN OF ORFORD/ COMM. FIELD	731.58				731.58	1,843.94	17.31		1,861.25	2,592.83
1985	TOWN OF ORFORD/ COMM. FIELD TRUST (GIFT OF HAZEN MOREY)	6,905.54				6,905.54	10,656.32	131.82		10,788.14	17,693.68
1991	TOWN OF ORFORD/ DUMP CLOSURE	13,559.10			1,173.35	12,385.75	0.00	35.27		35.27	12,421.02
1989	TOWN OF ORFORD/ FIRE TRUCKS	350,292.26	45,700.00			395,992.26	48,958.86	1,506.41		50,465.27	446,457.53
1983	TOWN OF ORFORD/ GRADER	126,313.82	19,107.00			145,420.82	4,193.81	521.20		4,715.01	150,135.83
1983	TOWN OF ORFORD/ HWY DEPT TRUCKS	195,395.33	33,000.00			228,395.33	773.95	808.82		1,582.77	229,978.10
1983	TOWN OF ORFORD/ IMPR HICAP	87.69				87.69	75.29	0.09		75.38	163.07
1983	TOWN OF ORFORD/ LOADER	41,477.95	29,445.00			70,922.95	700.01	244.58		944.59	71,867.54
1978	TOWN OF ORFORD/ POLICE CRUISER	1,454.10	7,880.00			9,334.10	0.00	9.50		9.50	9,343.60
1987	TOWN OF ORFORD/ REAPPRAISAL	41,640.39			19,780.00	21,860.39	0.00	115.31		115.31	21,975.70
1991	TOWN OF ORFORD/ TOWN BUILDINGS	16,311.28	7,210.00			23,521.28	55.53	34.63		90.16	23,611.44
2002	TOWN OF ORFORD/ TAX MAP	3,632.76				3,632.76	556.04	28.60		584.64	4,217.40
1992	TOWN OF ORFORD/ TRACTOR/MOWER	30,785.95				30,785.95	1,535.83	109.89		1,645.72	32,431.67
1991	TOWN OF ORFORD/ TREES CARE & REPL.	6,210.16	3,800.00		3,607.27	6,402.89	6.73	3.31	6.73	3.31	6,406.20
2000	TOWN OF ORFORD/ TOWN PROP. EXP. TR.	10,038.75	15,000.00		1,931.45	23,107.30	0.00	6.04		6.04	23,113.34
2003	TOWN OF ORFORD/ HWY EQUIP MAINT. EXP. TR.	10,693.53			10,641.34	52.19	58.66	23.84		23.84	76.03
2004	TOWN OF ORFORD/ WW II MON. MAINT. FUND	2,685.63				2,685.63	222.78	1.63		224.41	2,910.04
2004	TOWN OF ORFORD/ WILDFIRE SUPPR. FUND	6,000.00				6,000.00	267.44	6.58		274.02	6,274.02
2011	TOWN OF ORFORD/ PLAYGROUND EXP. FUND	6,500.00				6,500.00	28.39	13.71		42.10	6,542.10
2012	TOWN OF ORFORD/ 250th CELEBRATION	3,000.00	1,500.00			4,500.00	2.95	1.64		4.59	4,504.59
1985	TOWN OF ORFORD/ BENEFIT H.S. STUDENTS (GIFT OF HAZEN MOREY)	3,383.58				3,383.58	2,198.87	6.12	2,000.00	204.99	3,588.57
1987	TOWN OF ORFORD/ SCHOLARSHIP FUND (GIFT OF MENTA SAWYER)	5,000.00				5,000.00	8,719.47	42.83		8,762.30	13,762.30
1991	TOWN OF ORFORD/ LENORE NILES FUND	75,551.39		12,067.95		87,619.34	4,556.64	1,051.22	1,640.00	3,967.86	91,587.20
1989	TOWN OF ORFORD/ SCHOOL FUND FOR EXCEL. (GIFTS TO FUND BY INDIVIDUALS)	17,030.57				17,030.57	17,913.10	184.56		18,097.66	35,128.23
1949	ORFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT (ALICE MANN)	3,948.08		633.72		4,581.80	1,891.38	61.76		1,953.14	6,534.94
2013	TOWN HALL HERITAGE CENTER TRUST	80,269.66	65,100.00		86,029.32	59,340.34	1.99	38.37		40.36	59,380.70
	TOTAL FUNDS HELD	1,341,522.09	\$304,742.00	\$25,279.70	\$156,285.24	\$1,515,258.55	\$137,142.83	\$8,207.82	\$3,961.88	\$141,388.77	\$1,656,647.32

NOTES

Non-Bank Asset holdings (mutual funds) valued at cost. Trusts with long term non-bank investments (Cemetery PC, Niles and School Alice Mann trusts) did very well a 3rd year in a row, mostly because of Capital Gains. Overall since 2003 they performed far better than bank deposits but carry some risk of loss. Unlike as in some towns, no funds raised by taxes are held outside banks.

Non-Bank Assets values totaled as of 12/31/14 >> \$370,827.21 incl. unrecognized capital gain of \$135,337.75 This reflects \$5,000+ increase in market value even after paying out \$29,000+ in Capital Gains and Dividends in 2014. It was an unusually good year for non-bank holdings, we cannot expect gains every year. All tax-funded Capital Reserves & Expendable Trusts are held as bank deposits. Interest rates continue minimal, often under 0.4%. Total Expenditures from income and principal for all funds in 2013: >>>>> \$160,247.12 Modest Scholarships totaling \$2,000 were paid from the Hazen Morey HS fund to Orford residents graduating for Rivendell. Niles Fund supported life saving training, bandstand concerts, Little League equipment, and the World War I flag and pole effort. Unexpected back-hoe breakdown and repair depleted the Hwy Equipment Maintenance Fund.

Respectfully submitted: M. Blanchard, for M. Blanchard, S. Carter, J. Davis :: Trustees.

ps Please use ruler to read figures! This follows format of the MS-9 Report required for the NH DRA and Registrar of Charitable Funds

SELECTBOARD

Accomplishments of 2014 include completion of replacement or repair of bridges on Archertown and Creamery Roads, and a number of new employees joining the Town. The year ended within budget. Below is a list of highlights from the past year. We thank all community volunteers who helped the Town in 2014, serving on commissions, committees, task forces, and in other capacities, donating their time to help good things happen in Orford.

The Archertown Road Bridge at Newcomb Hollow was brought to “substantial completion” within budget, on time. The base layer of asphalt roadway was laid with a full replacement warranty, final paving layer, grading, landscaping and cleanup to be done in the spring of 2015.

Emergency deck repairs were completed to the Creamery Road Bridge, allowing the “unofficial” detour of Archertown Road to be open with original weight limits being restored.

Deborah Hadlock was elected to replace our long-serving Town Clerk, Louise Mack.

At the Fire Department, Terry Straight was recommended by the Orford Volunteer Fire Department to be their new chief. The Selectboard supported that recommendation and appointed Terry to succeed Arthur Dennis as Fire Chief. Under Terry’s leadership, the Fire Department has recruited a number of new members, applied for a major grant to replace outdated equipment, and researched and recommended the purchase of a new fire truck.

At the Highway Department, Roger Hadlock stepped in as the new Road Agent and Malcolm Godfrey joined the crew.

At the Police Department, Officer Kenneth Schaffer completed his Police Academy training and joined the force.

A large group, representing many Town of Orford departments and other organizations, has been working on a long-term facilities plan for the Town under the leadership of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission.

On-line general training and informational update training sessions for departmental persons and their back-ups (assistants, deputies) were held for Town Clerk, Administrator, Treasurer, etc. Progress was made towards providing backup by having at least town employees trained on important town functions.

Fire Warden Gerald Pease retired after 50 years of service. James Hook was appointed to succeed him.

The Floodplain Ordinance was modernized and now includes a Floodplain Development Permit Application process. Two illegal junkyards were reported, investigated and eliminated without litigation and cost to the Town. An easement to help preserve a historic barn in East Orford was approved.

Budget

Increases in this year's budget are mostly driven by the need to replace obsolete equipment at the Fire Department, supplies needed by the Highway Department, and pay increases for the Town Clerk and Town Administrator.

The Budget Advisory Committee did not complete its report in time for finalizing the budget or the writing of the report, so the Selectboard was unable to consider the Committee's recommendations in proposing the budget.

The increase in the budget this year is \$82,291 or 8.6%. The largest increase of \$31,316 is for the Fire Department. Most of the budget is level or has a small percentage increase.

The Fire Department budget is up due to the increase in number and pay of the firefighters, replacement of outdated equipment and a \$10,000, 227% increase in building rent for the non-town owned building to house the equipment. The budget includes an increase of \$31,326 or 68%, down from a requested increase of 79%. The Fire Department budget increase, including the rent increase, makes up 62% of the entire budget increase.

The Town Clerk requested a change from payment based on fees only to payment based on fees with an hourly wage. Most NH towns pay their Town Clerk an hourly wage. This budget changes the Town Clerk's pay to wage based, with fees going to the towns general fund. The Town Clerk's wage was compared to the same position in other towns and found to be significantly lower. The budget includes an increase to bring her salary closer to those in similar communities. Budget line increase of \$15,666; fees offset expected to be \$11,500. Wage increase net: \$5,660 or 6.8% of the budget increase.

Town Administrator's wage was compared to the same position in other towns and found to be significantly lower. The budget includes an increase to bring her salary closer to those in similar communities. A budget increase of \$3,869.

The budget includes a part-time person to provide backup when the Town Administrator is away and more time for a Deputy Town Clerk to provide backup.

A 1.5% cost of living increase for town employees is budgeted. Health insurance and other benefits were thoroughly reviewed and compared to similar towns, and we learned that Orford has one of the more basic plans. The proposed employee benefits levels are unchanged from 2014.

Information technology increased \$3,086 due to the need to replace old computer equipment.

Ambulance increased \$4,948 due to higher charges from Upper Valley Ambulance.

Highway Department increased \$12,500 due to increases for gravel and road salt.

Police Department budget is back to 2013 levels due to having a new second officer.

Thomas Steketee, Chair
Anne Duncan Cooley
John Adams

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Orford Police Department's mission is to provide professional and compassionate police service through partnerships that build trust, reduce crime, create a safe environment and enhance the quality of life in our community.

To fulfill that mission, we have an uncompromising insistence on quality individuals who believe in the following core values: Integrity, Respect, Fairness and Excellence.

Thank you to Bruce, Dennis and Charlie for helping maintain our cruisers.

Officer Kenneth Schaffer was hired in March 2014. He attended the 164th Police Academy Class and has been covering second shift since October.

The following is a partial listing of our call volume, highlighting the more significant incidents

Calls for Service	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total Incidents	2457	3188	2892	5671	3979	2421
Sexual Assault	0	1	0	0	1	1
Robbery/Burglary	4	1	2	7	3	3
Theft	10	18	18	27	9	14
Assault	4	2	4	4	3	2
Criminal Threatening	3	3	1	4	2	1
Disorderly Conduct	8	2	2	2	0	2
Forgery/Bad Check/Fraud	1	13	3	6	11	2
Vandalism	8	13	10	16	5	8
Harassment	7	3	2	5	3	4
Drug Violations	5	2	0	7	2	0
DUI	2	1	0	4	2	0
Liquor Violations	5	4	1	4	0	0
Sex Offender Registration	7	8	8	7	8	4
Domestic Disturbances	5	9	4	2	7	5
Public Relations/Lectures	12	16	8	9	9	16
Follow Up/Investigations	110	185	151	219	271	202
MV Unlocks	7	13	2	15	3	4
Accidents	14	26	10	16	16	8
Total MV Stops	1535	1403	1014	1324	927	347
Warnings Issued	1241	1143	899	1158	835	327
Citations Issued	201	166	110	166	92	20
VIN Verification	23	18	19	14	14	10
Assist Citizen/House Check	99	552	835	2995	1874	1200
Animal Complaint	41	26	17	43	33	31

We will continue to make every effort to be diligent in protecting the Town of Orford and ask for your help in keeping our town safe. We want to remind residents to lock their homes and vehicles and report any suspicious activity immediately.

Christopher J. Kilmer, Chief of Police

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

2014 turned out to be a year of change. After 16 years of service, Charlie Waterbury retired and I was hired to replace him as Road Agent. Then Bruce Gray retired and Malcolm Godfrey was hired to replace him and work with Dennis Streeter on the highway crew.

This started out well, 6 culverts were replaced, roads were graded and some materials were added where needed, brush was cut back and ditches were cleaned. Winter arrived fast and furious, but the highway department was prepared, unfortunately paving had to be postponed until the spring of 2015. The good news was that Creamery Bridge was replaced and the precast culvert was completed at the Newcomb Hollow Bridge.

As your new Road Agent, I look forward to serving the Town of Orford along with my crew. I want to thank Dennis Streeter and Malcolm Godfrey for all of their help and support during this transition.

See you out there!

Roger Hadlock, Road Agent

CEMETERY COMMISSION

As, in the past, mowing and trimming consume the largest portion of our budget. Weather has a lot to do with maintenance. Kurt Gendron takes pride in maintaining the appearance of our three cemeteries-West Cemetery, off Route 10/Archertown Rd; Dame Hill Cemetery and East Cemetery, off Route 25A onto East Cemetery Road.

Our primary mower now has seven years of wear and tear, and we feel it wise to replace it this year, 2015. Funds are available in the Capital Reserve Fund under 'Mower Tractor Account.'

We need to consider replacing our maintenance/supply building. There is much more equipment needed today to meet the demands of our day to day operation. We now must move mowers in and out of our present building in order to get at other supplies. We are asking to remove funds from existing capital reserve accounts with no increase in taxation.

Thanks again to Kurt Gendron for his efforts and many years of service, and Louise Mack for volunteered bookkeeping of financial records.

Cemetery Commissioners: Paul B Messer Sr., Joseph Arcolio, and Brenda Smith

ORFORD FREE LIBRARY

The Free Library had another active year. We were pleased that community members came to the library to access our wide variety of services. During the 2014 year, we had 2251 patron visits and 4078 items were borrowed from the library.

The library held events for adults, children and families throughout the year. These included: Sunday afternoon story and craft hours, a book discussion series focused on women writers from Maine, the Summer Reading Program "Fizz, Boom Read", a family music evening and monthly Sunday music making sessions with Melinda Ricker, a concert by Patty and Gill Williams, the photo club led by Cara Dyke, a Cricut craft demonstration with Pam Benware, the 'Ville quilters led by Sally Arcolio, our annual book and bake sale, Halloween pumpkin carving, Christmas card making and children's Christmas crafts with Brenda Smith and our annual Holiday Open House.

One of our goals has been to have a computerized catalog and circulation system, so in September we joined the Evergreen system of the Howe Library. Many of the books in our collection have been entered in the system and we are well on our way towards reaching this goal. We are grateful to the Friends of the Orford Libraries for their financial commitment to this undertaking. Their donation is sincerely appreciated.

Another new project is the Little Free Libraries. There is a Little Free Library in front of our ramp and one located on East Cemetery Rd. Anyone is welcome to come and take a book from the library and to leave one, too. Thank you to Steve Hibbard for making and installing these beautiful Little Free Libraries.

As always, we are indebted to our loyal volunteers and those who have contributed books, supplies, refreshments and donations. A Volunteer Appreciation event was held in September to honor the efforts of our volunteers. Thank you.

Board of Trustees: Susan Kling, Carol Boynton, Christie Manning

Librarian: Laurel Fulford

Receipts

Cash on hand January 1, 2014	6,879.05
Town of Orford	18,849.00
Book/Bake Sale	380.75
Gifts/Donations	250.00
Friends of the Orford Libraries gift	2,000.00
Interest	4.24
Misc.	12.52
Computer/Copier Services	60.00
	<u>\$ 28,435.56</u>

Expenditures

Books	2,163.10
Multimedia	602.14
Magazines	183.03
Librarian	10,790.00
Fuel/Heat	2,982.08
Repair/Maintenance	79.16
Meetings/Mileage	35.28
Postal	118.00
Telephone	666.71
Electric	463.29
Copier/Library Supplies	344.99
Grounds	289.70
Computer/Internet Services	764.40
Dues/Memberships	735.00
Programs/Materials	32.15
Misc.	50.00
Cataloging Automation Project (funded by Friends of the Libraries)	1,783.96
Balance in checking account December 31, 2014	<u>\$ 6,352.57</u>
	<u>\$ 28,435.56</u>

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

This past year has been an uneventful year for Emergency Management with no tropical storms to deal with as in the previous two years. Even though we did not have any major events that required the opening of the emergency operation center, we did continue to work on plans and equipment to prepare for future events.

We have continued to work with the Highway Department to purchase barricades and traffic cones that will be used to mark closed roads damaged by storms. We've had many community members take a shelter staff training class, sponsored by the Red Cross. I would like to thank those community members for giving up their personal time to take the class. This will improve our town's ability to be better prepared and self-efficient by allowing these volunteers the ability to staff our shelters. If anyone else has an interest in taking this class or to see how you can help the Town of Orford in a time of emergency, please contact me.

This year we are going to update the town's Hazardous Mitigation Plan with the help of the State Emergency Management, all town departments and a private contractor. We will look at the hazards in the town that could affect us, then work on a plan on how we can prepare for these events and lessen their impact when they occur. By having a hazardous mitigation plan in place, it also ensures that the town is eligible for hazardous mitigation grants to help pay for some of these preparations.

Most disasters in New Hampshire are weather-related and typically involve the loss of commercial power. Being out of power for a few hours is more of an inconvenience than a disaster, but a prolonged power outage or one which occurs during severe winter weather could force you out of your home and into a shelter.

The ideal situation for homeowners is to have a secondary source of heat which does not require electricity or a generator to provide power. A secondary heat source might be a fireplace or wood or gas stove. If you decide to invest in a generator, be sure a qualified electrician installs it and never operate the generator in an enclosed area, such as a garage. Generators create an inherent carbon monoxide danger and must be properly ventilated.

Communicating with the citizens of Orford to get emergency information out continues to be a concern and struggle. We are using social media to try and broaden our reach. Orford Emergency Management has subscribed to the Orford listserv, and has a Facebook page under- Town of Orford, NH Emergency Management. We post urgent and non-urgent information to these resources. All urgent information will also be through the use of Code Red, so we ask you to please register with Code Red to ensure you stay updated during power outages.

Michael Gilbert
Emergency Management Director

ORFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

At the end of 2014, we have 20 members on the roster. Membership increased from 9 to 20 members over the last several months. Our goal is to have 25–30 members on the roster.

Monthly meetings and trainings are well attended due to increased morale from new members and new leadership. We train with neighboring towns to help our department get to know other local firefighters. The communication with the neighboring towns has benefited everyone involved. The department is also building solid relationships with Orford's Police Department, Highway Department, and the Orford Selectboard.

We have two members enrolled in a Firefighter One class, which includes 300+ hours of training at no cost to Orford. When these two members are finished, we will have 11 certified firefighters on our roster. There is also ongoing training at the New Hampshire Fire Academy in Concord.

We established a system of run cards that enables automatic response from neighboring towns. This system divides the town into three zones, working with Hanover Dispatch and New Hampshire 911 mapping on new maps at no cost to Orford.

We were able to spec out and receive bids on a new truck for the town. After reviewing equipment, we discovered that our air packs were out of date, so they are unsafe to use. We were able to secure loaners until funds are raised to purchase replacements. We also have outdated firefighter gear, communication equipment, hoses, and extinguishers. We applied for an AFG grant to help with the cost of the new equipment, and we are waiting to find out if we were awarded the grant. We are researching other grants that will also help with the cost of new equipment. We would like to establish a capital reserve fund to help with future equipment purchases.

The department would like to thank the town of Orford, and Orford's Selectboard, Police Department, and Highway Department along with neighboring communities for the continued support. You helped increase morale within the department—we are very appreciative of the support.

In the event of any emergency, please dial 911. The Orford Volunteer Fire Department is on call 24/7, 365 days a year. We are here to serve the community. We are looking for new members. If you have a desire to serve and help your community, please contact the department. Stop by the fire station on the first Monday of the month when we have our monthly meeting, or the third Monday of the month when we have our monthly training. Stay up to date with department news by following us on Facebook @Orford NH. Fire Department.

We had 110 calls in 2014:

Mutual Aid Calls	10	Service Calls	7	Structure Fires	1
Brush Fires	4	Power Lines	8	Chimney Fires	1
Fire Alarms	6	Medical Calls	61	CO2 Alarms	5
Auto Fires	2	Auto Accidents	4	HazMat Calls	1

Respectfully submitted, Terry Straight, Fire Chief

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS COMMITTEE

The Parks and Playgrounds Committee oversee the maintenance and management of the Town's outdoor recreational facilities. The increasing desires of Town residents to enjoy outdoor activities keep the Committee busy supervising our parks.

The year always begins with our Green-Up Day, the first Saturday in May. The event is an opportunity for town folks to volunteer to help remove trash from our town's roadsides. The turnout of volunteers was very good this year. All were rewarded with coffee and doughnuts!

The mowing of the fields, lawns and commons owned by the town is contracted out to River Valley Landscaping. They have worked for us for several years and they do a great job of keeping our grounds in shape.

The benches at the entrance to the Community Field have been well appreciated and enjoyed by the park patrons. Two more benches will be added in 2015.

Indian Pond Beach is still very popular with town residents and the Committee strives to keep it safe, clean and enjoyable. A new stone bench honoring the work and dedication of Everett Blake on the beach was installed and it is an attractive addition to the grounds.

The playground on Boat Landing Road is in use and offers a quiet setting for families with small children to enjoy. This facility is not tax funded and volunteers are welcome to contribute to its success.

A group of Orford residents is working to gain the Town's approval to build a bandstand on the East Common property on Route 10. This committee supports their intentions.

K & R Portable Toilets, Floyd's Rubbish Removal, and Tony Patterson continue to offer their services to the Town and we thank them.

Respectfully submitted, Orford Parks and Playgrounds Committee: John O'Brien, Jeff Tilden, J.J. Hebb, Nate Tullar, Brad McCormack

PLANNING BOARD

This was a very busy year for the Planning Board. Revisions of the Subdivision regulations which began last year were completed and approved following a public hearing. This process included reviewing all land use applications and fee schedules. The Excavation regulations were also revised and approved following a public hearing. The Board is most appreciative of the technical assistance provided by our Planning Assistant, Vickie Davis of Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Council. Her assistance throughout this process was immeasurable. Also, we are very pleased to report that all land use regulations and applications are now available on the Town of Orford website!

One particular regulation within the Orford Subdivision Regulations that residents might not be aware of is an Exemption for Accessory Dwelling Unit (Section 3.05). An accessory dwelling unit is defined as separate subordinate dwelling unit or structure within 100 feet of the primary dwelling and includes a house, manufactured housing and an apartment within a detached garage or other building. This requires the approval of the Planning Board. Approval does not constitute an approved subdivision for any purpose including, but not limited to, taxation. The landowner shall comply with all rules and regulations of NH DES relating to water supply and subsurface disposal systems. In the event of a subdivision of the lot in the future, the proposed division of the lot shall comply with the Subdivision Regulations in effect at the time.

During the year, the Board reviewed and approved one application for an excavation permit, one major subdivision which resulted in three lots, one boundary line agreement, three voluntary lot mergers, two lot line adjustment requests and three curb cuts (driveways) permits. There is a second minor subdivision pending which, will when completed, will result in two lots. This particular one was within the authority of the Orford Flood Plain Ordinance due to the location of the proposed lot within the flood plain. This gave both the Planning Board and the Selectboard an opportunity to review this Ordinance which was originally adopted in the 1992 Town Meeting. A few revisions are recommended. When these are completed, a public hearing will be held with final adoption to occur in a Town Meeting. Unfortunately, according to the RSA requirements, there was not sufficient time to bring the revised document to the 2015 Town meeting. This will be done next year.

If you recall, last year the Board recommended that a Capital Improvement Plan be prepared to address municipal capital projects projected over a period of six years for the purpose of aiding the select board when considering an annual budget. We are pleased to report that this process has begun and may be completed by Town meeting.

The Board is comprised of seven members. Allen Martin whose term ended in March 2014 decided not to run for reelection. We thank him for his contributions during his three year term on the Board and welcome Chase Kling, who was an alternate member and was elected to serve for this three year term. The Board also welcomed three alternates Sam Hanford, Edward "Skip" Gould and Rob O'Donnell. We sincerely thank our former scribe Calvina Reznick for her assistance and Melissa Ricker who is presently assisting with recording meeting minutes. Meetings occur at 7pm every third Monday in the Niles Room of the Town Office. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Board members: Ann Green (Chair), Andy Schwaegler (Co-Chair), Chase Kling, Jim McGoff, Lawrence Hibbard, Tom Steketee (Select Board Representative), Harry Osmer, Sam Hanford (Alternate), Ed "Skip" Gould (Alternate), Rob O'Donnell (Alternate), Vickie Davis, Planning Assistant (UVLSRPC), and Melissa Ricker, Scribe.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Solarize Orford: The Conservation Commission and the Energy Committee teamed up with Vital Communities in early 2014 to participate in their “Solarize Upper Valley” program. Through a lot of hard work by the Orford Solarize Volunteer Team, Orford was selected as a solarize town, Milhouse Enterprises was selected as the installation contractor, and the program got off to a great start! By the end of 2014, 65 residents had requested site visits, 8 contracts totaling 46 kW of solar power were signed, one solar installation was completed and several other contracts were in various stages of development.

Purple Loosestrife Control Project: Purple loosestrife is an invasive plant that can take over wetlands and damage the ecosystem. On June 17, the Commission released 1,000 *Galerucella* beetles near the estuary on the Orford Conservation Land. *Galerucella* beetles eat purple loosestrife, and only purple loosestrife, and have been successfully used in New Hampshire and elsewhere. Rivendell Academy included this project as part of its summer Visions program about conservation, which Commissioner Jeff MacQueen participated in. The curriculum, which included this project, taught students how to identify the plants and the beetles and the damage that they do. Following the class work, Jeff took the students on a field trip to the Orford Conservation Land in July. The students pulled purple loosestrife plants and found that the beetles had been doing their job as evidenced by the many damaged purple loosestrife leaves. After the field visit Jeff remarked that “making the students aware of this problem and involving them was a great way to show them how to think globally and act locally on important conservation issues.”

Orford Conservation Land Project: In 2014 the Commission worked with Tullando Farm, who farms the Orford Conservation Land, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Connecticut River Watershed Council to develop a project to improve the land. Through the NRCS cost-shared project we are jointly planning to remove invasive plants and establish a 35 foot wide riparian buffer along the river bank in 2015, and to improve the farm road for better access between the upper and lower meadows in 2016. The property offers an excellent opportunity to meet our objectives of educating the public about invasive plants, including their economic and ecological impacts, options for restoring native species and habitats, and restoring a forested riparian buffer along the 1,000 foot riverbank to prevent erosion and improve wildlife habitat.

Conserving the “Billy Brown Farm” in Quinttown: In the fall of 2014 the Commission began actively supporting an effort by the Upper Valley Land Trust (UVLT) to conserve 142 acres in the Quinttown section of Orford owned by David and John Bischoff. The property includes a section of Mason Pond, the only public pond in Orford that is not currently developed, and is part of the Jacobs Brook watershed, the longest and most significant tributary of the Connecticut River in Orford. The ecological diversity of the property is impressive, ranging from top ranked grasslands in the region to northern hardwood forests, and includes some of the highest ranked wildlife habitat both in the region and in New Hampshire. It has outstanding scenic views and its proximity to other conserved land makes it an important parcel to help connect conserved land for wildlife habitat. This conservation effort is expected to be completed in 2015.

Other 2014 Activities: monitoring of easement parcels; working with the Upper Valley Land Trust on conservation easement initiatives; reviewing wetland applications; co-sponsoring a household hazardous waste collection with Piermont; disseminating information about invasive plants; water testing; and sponsoring a wild flower walk at the Orford Conservation Land led by Sarah Schwaegler.

Orford Conservation Commission: Harry Pease (Chair), Carl Cassel (Vice-Chair), Kathy Baker, Tom Bubolz, Jeff MacQueen, and Carl Schmidt; Alternates: Bry Beeson, Emily Bryant, Fran Plaisted (Secretary), and Craig Putnam; Select Board Representative: Anne Duncan Cooley

THE NILES TRUST FUND COMMITTEE

The Niles Trust Fund was established in 1990 following a generous bequest of \$50,000 to the Town of Orford made by Mrs. Eleanor (Harry) Niles. Both Mrs. Niles and her husband, Harry, formed a fondness for Orford and its citizens following their move to town in 1950. They made this bequest to the town to be used for activities and opportunities that will be of benefit to Orford residents. In 1990, a warrant article was passed at Town Meeting to establish a committee for the purpose of making recommendations for disbursements. In keeping with Mrs. Niles's civic interests, it was decided that annual appropriations will be made from interest through an article on the town warrant at the annual Town Meeting. The funds would be available for improving community facilities and sponsoring organizations and individuals of Orford with financial aid for opportunities that are otherwise might be unattainable.

In 2014, the Town appropriated the sum of \$2500. The Committee received and approved four applications for grants, totaling \$1640. They were \$390 for a CPR class to be offered jointly by the Orford Social and Free Libraries., \$250 requested by the CSO for Little League equipment, \$500 requested by the Bandstand committee to support the Orford 2014 Summer Concert series, and \$500 for the purchase and installation of a flag pole by the WW I Monument on NH Rte. 10 requested by John O'Brien and Sheri Clifford. Committee members were very pleased to support these special projects and activities.

The Committee encourages Orford residents, special committees and organizations to please consider applying for funding of special needs or activities, which will ultimately benefit the town and its residents. Applications may be obtained on the Orford website or Town Office.

Respectfully submitted by,

The Niles Committee: Ann Green (Chair), Melinda Ricker, David Coker, Paul Dalton, Sheila Conley

FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-1370 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

This past fire season started in early April with the first reported fire on April 7th. April, which is the traditional start to our spring fire season, began very dry with unseasonably dry conditions continuing through the entire month. This dry pattern continued through the first half of May. 80% of our reported fires this season occurred during this six week period. The largest fire was 24 acres, occurring in the town of Tamworth. From mid May through early September, above average rainfall kept our total acreage burned statewide at 72 acres. This is the smallest amount of acreage burned statewide in several years. Late August through late September though brought a dry trend to northern areas, resulting in several deep-burning remote fires. Our fire danger days correlated well with the days that there were fires actually reported. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on Class III or higher fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2014 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

I, James Hook, as your new Fire Warden, would like to thank Gerald Pease for a good 50 years of service. To get fire permits, you can call me, Jim Hook 353-4834, or the new Deputies: Terry Straight 603-728-7569, Arthur Dennis, Jimmy Carter 353-9975, or John Dunham 603-276-0213.

Grafton County had the most forest fires as of November 2014: 32 Fires 8.2 Acres

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED in N.H.		Total	Fires	Total Acres
Arson	2	2014	112	72
Debris	52	2013	182	144
Campfire	10	2012	318	206
Children	2	2011	125	42
Smoking	5	2010	360	145
Railroad	0			
Equipment	5			
Lightning	1			
Misc.*	35 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)			
ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE				

ORFORD SOCIAL LIBRARY

We are delighted to report that the Social Library remains a valued community center and asset of the Town of Orford. The library delivers literary and information services and is a destination for community meetings and events. It offers free computer and wireless network access, and provides many special events and exhibits. The library continues to facilitate downloadable audiobooks and ebooks, interlibrary loan services, public programs, and holds nearly 10,000 books, DVDs, CDs, and magazines in its collection. In 2014, patronage increased to 5311, circulation to 5224 and computer usage to 678.

2014 saw 65 library programs including adult and teen book discussions, children's story and activity hours, monthly computer help sessions, the Poetry Month postcard in April, and many special events. We continue to benefit from grants and local sponsorships that support live events such as two New Hampshire Humanities Council programs, a summer reading puppet show, tree decorating, the ever-popular Ice Cream Social, and a return of the Witches of Orford at Halloween. We had knitting meetings, games nights, a care of dogs and cats presentation, and many other programs. There also were various art displays in the library and the Orford Artists Group show. We worked closely and held joint programs with the Orford Free Library including a CPR course and the Made in Orford exhibition.

We are grateful to our dedicated group of 8 regular volunteers plus 2 fill-ins that assists with various tasks, plus many others who aid with special projects or make donations to keep the library smoothly functioning and attractive. We thank each for her or his continued interest, time, and support. We extend special appreciation to the Friends of the Orford Libraries who maintain their financial support of the Social Library, this year by supporting the electronic card catalog project. The electronic card catalog project is another joint effort with the Orford Free Library.

We express our deep appreciation to our Librarian Sandra Gunther for her dedication, diligence, and hard work that support the smooth day-to-day operation of the Social Library.

We sincerely appreciate and thank the Orford community for its generous support of the many library services and activities. We shall continue our dedicated service to the Orford community, and we welcome your patronage and involvement.

Edmond Cooley (Chair) for the Board of Trustees, Beverly Andrews-Potry, Gary Barrett, Patricia Bertozzi-Buck, Carl Cassel, Eva Daniels, Esther Dobbins-Marsh, Althea Goundrey, Gail Keefer, and Cameron Day (student).

Cash Balance as of 01/01/2014	5,776.24	2014 Expenses:	
		Salaries & P/R Taxes	20,244.12
2014 Income:		Education, Dues & Travel	687.72
Town of Orford	19,500.00	Books, Magazines & Audio	1,985.37
General Fundraising	6,385.00	Library Office Expenses	2,211.38
Other Donations	123.00	Office Utilities	4,693.03
Book Sale	1,027.49	Insurance	2,795.00
Misc Income	432.91	Accounting Fee	750.00
Investment Redemption	7,500.00	Building & Grounds Maintenance	1,427.04
		Computer & Copier Expenses	777.93
Designated Income:		Fundraising Expenses	75.04
Friends	2,000.00	Program Expenses	283.83
Other Donations	255.00	Designated Income Expenses	3,518.41
Total 2014 Income	37,223.40	Total 2014 Expenses	39,448.87
		Cash Balance as of 12/31/14	3,550.77

DOG LICENSE FEES

Male or Female	\$ 9.00
Altered Animals	6.50
Senior Citizens: for one animal	2.00
Thereafter, the regular fee (owner over 65 years of age)	

License fee for a puppy (older than 4 months but younger than 7 months) is **\$6.50** for the first year.

Group Licenses

The minimum number of dogs required to qualify for a group license is five (5) dogs, and a standard fee of **\$20.00**

Proof of rabies vaccination and altering is required.
All dogs should be licensed by April 30, 2015 to avoid any penalty.

If your dog is not licensed with the Town of Orford by May 31, 2015 we will be obligated to inform the Orford Animal Control Officer of a violation of RSA 466:1. A civil forfeiture will be issued which carries with it a \$25.00 fine plus late fees.

RABIES CLINIC

An Orford/Fairlee joint Rabies Clinic has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2015, between 6:00 - 7:00 pm at the Fairlee Fire Station. This has been arranged with the Oxbow Veterinary Clinic of Bradford, VT, and the Orford Town Clerk will be present. Attendance at this program is not only convenient, but offers the Rabies Shots at a reduced rate of \$10.00.

If people see an animal they suspect of being rabid, contact Orford Police Department or the NH Fish and Game Department.

RSA 436:99, II-VI requires that all dogs and cats have a rabies vaccine once they reach the age of 3 months. The first rabies vaccine will be good for only one year, on a young dog or cat, but a two-or three-year vaccine will be given thereafter.

Rabies is a viral disease which attacks the central nervous system in mammals including wild animals, pets and humans. If untreated, it is almost always fatal. Rabies is spread from a bite or contact with the saliva of an infected animal. An indication that an animal has rabies is a noted change in behavior, such as loss of normal fear of humans or a display of hostile actions. Rabies is impossible to diagnose without a medical test that can be done only after the infected mammal is dead. Rabies is preventable. Dogs, cats, horses and other domestic animal can be vaccinated against the disease. If the vaccinated pet comes into contact with an infected animal, the disease will not spread. However, humans that come into contact with the saliva from a rabid animal on their pet can get the disease. If exposed to saliva from any animal which may be suspected of carrying rabies, the wound or infected area should be soaked for 10 minutes in soap and water prior to going to the emergency room of a hospital.

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.
ANNUAL REPORT 2013

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our communities' older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln; operates adult in-home care from offices in Lebanon and Haverhill; and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP and the Volunteer Center. Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, outreach and counseling, elder care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2013-14, 99 older residents of Orford were served by the Council's programs offered through the Orford, Horse Meadow and Upper Valley Senior Centers, as well as RSVP. Twenty-one Orford residents were assisted by ServiceLink.

- Older adults from Orford enjoyed 823 balanced meals in the company of friends in the senior dining rooms.
- They received 1,107 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Orford residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 101 occasions by volunteers.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 64 contacts with ServiceLink and 6 appointments with the GCSCC outreach worker.
- Orford's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 859 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Orford residents in 2013-2014 was \$22,424.05.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical. Orford's population over age 60 has increased 57.4% over the past 20 years according the US Census data from 1990 to 2010.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Orford's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner, Executive Director

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION

Tri-County Community Action Program is a private, non-profit agency that is requesting, at your 2015 Town Meeting, \$1,000 in funding from the Town of Orford to help support its Community Contact Division.

The following is a report of services provided in fiscal year 2013-2014:

Services Provided	# of HH	Dollar Amount
Fuel Assistance	24	\$19,200.00
Weatherization	0	0
Electrical Assistance Program	6	\$3,104.76
Food Pantry (26 people receiving 3 days worth of food)	3	\$216.00
Referrals (ie: Health, Budgeting, Legal Aid, Clothing...)	35	

THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION, THE CITIZENS OF ORFORD RECEIVED A TOTAL OF \$22,520.76 IN ASSISTANCE

Community Contact provides these and other necessary services for the less fortunate citizens in your town and surrounding vicinities. We are depending upon funding from your town and others countywide.

We sincerely appreciate the Town of Orford's past support and look forward to your continuing partnership to provide essential services to your residents.

Kelly Burke, Tri-County CAP

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF VT AND NH

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Orford, NH

The VNA & Hospice is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home healthcare and hospice support services to individuals and their families. VNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with NHH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014, VNH made 632 homecare visits to 42 Orford residents. This included approximately \$33,913 in unreimbursed care to Orford residents.

Home HealthCare: 423 home visits to 35 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.

Long-Term Healthcare: 14 home visits to 1 resident with chronic medical problems who needed extended care in their home to avoid admission to a nursing home.

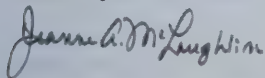
Hospice Services: 181 home visits to 4 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

Maternal and Child Health Services: 14 home visits to 2 residents for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low-and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol testing and flu shots.

Orford's annual appropriating to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Jeanne McLaughlin, President (1-888-300-8853)

UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE

We are pleased to present our 24th annual report. Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. has provided emergency ambulance service to its member towns since July 1, 1990. This past year, UVA responded to 1072 emergency calls. Of these, 399 calls (37 %), resulted in no patient being transported, therefore no bill was generated to help offset the costs of responding. This is higher than the national average of 29-32 %. UVA responded to 82 emergency calls in the town of Orford, and did not transport from 34 of them. (41 %).

The Upper Valley Ambulance Board of Directors continues to discuss the many challenges of operating a rural emergency ambulance service. There are several factors which contribute to these challenges. The most pressing being increased operating expenses and declining revenues. Costs increasing beyond our control include; dispatch fees, fuel, medications and supplies. The Affordable Care Act has made it difficult for budget planning. Not only are we uncertain of future reimbursement levels, we are unclear about our own healthcare costs for our employees.

Despite the increase in calls, reimbursement for, and revenue from our services is declining. Seventy five percent of our patients have either Medicare, Medicaid or are uninsured. Medicare and Medicaid are a fixed scheduled reimbursement, regardless of the actual charges. This reimbursement is 11% to 34% **below** our costs of providing the service. Current legislation at the State and Federal level would further reduce these reimbursement levels. While the Affordable Care Act should reduce the number of our patients without insurance, most will still end up with a high deductible plan that essentially leaves them uncovered for ambulance service.

For more than 21 years Upper Valley Ambulance had been able to keep costs down by providing other services such as, non-emergency services for Norris Cotton Cancer Center, DHART, other DHMC departments and Upper Valley businesses. These contracts are no longer available, and there is increased competition for all non-emergency services. This has significantly reduced income from these sources.

Given all of the challenges with increasing costs, fixed and decreasing reimbursements, and limited opportunities for growth, the Board of Upper Valley Ambulance has set the 2015 funding request at \$35.00/per capita. We will continue to search for grants, donations, and any other funding sources to help us maintain our goal of excellent public service.

Many of you may not be familiar with our Subscription Service, and we want that to change. The yearly membership fee of \$50 per household, entitles you to medically necessary emergency medical services at no additional cost to you. Applications with more information are available at your local Town Offices, at our business office on Lake Morey Road in Fairlee, or, at our website: www.uppervalleyambulance.com.

Long time Administrator John Vose is retiring February 1st, after 25 years of service. After a nationwide search, Clay Odell who is currently a per diem Paramedic has been hired as the new Executive Director.

We are proud of our accomplishments over the last twenty-four years, and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, Administration and Employees of Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. will continually strive to provide the highest quality emergency medical care at the lowest possible cost to all the citizens we serve.

Sincerely,
Larry Lancaster, Chair



UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) has been providing professional planning assistance to municipal boards since 1963, when it was formed as the Upper Valley Development Council. The Commission is one of nine regional planning commissions in New Hampshire created to coordinate inter-municipal planning, act as a liaison between local and state/federal agencies, and to provide advisory technical assistance on land use and development issues. The Commission serves 27 communities in Grafton, Sullivan, and Merrimack County.

In 2014, the Commission was engaged in more than 30 local, regional and statewide planning projects. The year was highlighted by the completion of the draft UVLSRPC Regional Plan (available online at regionalplan.uvlsrpc.org). The vision, goals, and strategies presented in the plan are the result of the largest public outreach process ever undertaken by the UVLSRPC. Public input included guidance from the UVLSRPC Regional Plan Advisory Committee, analysis of the 27 municipal master plans from the region's communities, participation at special events around the region, meetings with municipal leaders, an online forum specific to the UVLSRPC region, and a telephone survey of residents of the region. While the UVLSRPC Regional Plan is advisory in nature, purpose, and effect, the plan is intended to strengthen the decision-making capacity of local governments by providing information and guidance that can support municipal master plans and policies.

The Commission also adopted the UVLSRPC Regional Broadband Plan in 2014. Broadband access remains a substantial challenge for both rural communities and businesses in our region. The Broadband Plan details the availability of (and gaps in) broadband services throughout our region, and identifies a series of strategies to achieve 20 Mbps Download/10 Mbps Upload speeds in all areas of our region by 2020. The Regional Broadband Plan is available online at www.uvlsrpc.org.

Christine Frost, who had served as Executive Director of the UVLSRPC since 2007, departed to become the Executive Director of the North Country Council. Rachel Ruppel, the Commission's GIS Coordinator since 2007, relocated to Bend, Oregon with her family. Similarly, Yutian Zhang, the Commission's Finance Manager since 2009, relocated to New Jersey with his family. We thank Christine, Rachel, and Yutian for all of their contributions to the Commission and wish them the best of luck in their new endeavors! Nathan Miller, the Commission's Planning Director, was promoted to Executive Director in March 2014. The Commission also welcomed Gregori Somoff as Finance Manager, Amber Boland as GIS Coordinator, and Meghan Butts as Assistant Planner.

Please feel free to contact me at (603) 448-1680 or e-mail me at nmiller@uvlsrpc.org to share your thoughts.

Sincerely,

Nathan Miller, AICP
Executive Director

VITAL STATISTICS for the Town of Orford for the year ending December 31, 2014

Marriages

Date	Groom's Name	Groom's Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Residence	Place of Marriage
01/15/2014	Miller, Jake W	Evergreen, CO	Mitchell, MarinB	Orford	Orford
07/19/2014	Kilmer, Christopher J	Orford, NH	Pozniak, Jenny R	Orford	Orford
08/31/2014	Stygles, Tyler R	Orford, NH	Carter, Jennifer A	Orford	Orford
10/31/2014	Eastman, Brenton J	Orford, NH	Faucher, Caitlin D	Orford	Orford

Births

Date	Child's Name	Place of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name
06/20/2014	Eastman, Athena Dawn	Lebanon, NH	Eastman, Brenton	Faucher, Caitlin
07/16/2014	Johnson, Elizabeth Catherine	Lebanon, NH	Johnson, Carl	Johnson, Clarissa
07/17/2014	Sullivan, Panda Jean	Lebanon, NH	Sullivan, Adam	Sullivan, Tamara
07/26/2014	Thompson, Jack Anders	Lebanon, NH	Thompson, Andrew	Charron, Bethany
08/12/2014	Reed, Wyatt Colton	Lebanon, NH	Reed, Jesse	Reed, Kathryn
08/13/2014	Murray, Gavin Matthew	Plymouth, NH	Murray, Richard	Murray, Mary
10/13/2014	Roy, Alexander Bradley	Lebanon, NH	Roy, Elie	Gillen, Amanda
10/17/2014	Warbin, Fynnlee Mae	Lebanon, NH	Warbin, Zachariah	Warbin, Lauren
12/02/2014	Morse, Tucker James	Lebanon, NH	Morse, Ryan	Morse, Tiana

Deaths

Date	Deceased	Father	Mother	Place of Death
02/11/2014	Tullar, Barbara	Anderson, Carl	Wilder, Virginia	Orford
02/12/2014	Boynton Jr, Arthur	Boynton Sr, Arthur	Bullock, Ruth	Orford
08/28/2014	Verry, Laura	Washburn, Harvey	Horton, Bernice	Orford
09/10/2014	Turpin, Susan	Talley, Charles	Smith, Anne	Orford
11/20/2014	Tuller, George	Tuller, Charles	Hastings, Alice	Orford
12/11/2014	Tanguay, Philip	Tanguay, Gene	Depalma, Margaret	Orford
12/23/2014	Taylor, Phyllis	Roystan, Byron	Vancour, Nellie	Orford

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